



# EASTER TO TRINITY SUNDAY

JOURNEY WITH US FROM EASTER TO TRINITY SUNDAY

5 April - 31 May 2026

WEEK 1 – 5 APRIL	Jesus Has Risen
WEEK 2 – 12 APRIL	Jesus Appears to His Disciples
WEEK 3 - 19 APRIL	On the road to Emmaus
WEEK 4 - 26 APRIL	The Good Shepherd and His sheep
WEEK 5 – 3 MAY	Jesus is the way to the Father
WEEK 6 – 10 MAY	Jesus promises the Holy Spirit
Ascension Day May 14, 2026	
WEEK 7 – 17 MAY	Jesus Prays for His Disciples
WEEK 8 – 24 MAY	Jesus appears to His Disciples
WEEK 9 – 31 MAY	The Great Commission



## HOME GROUPS AND CLASSES GUIDE:

1. Open in Worship and Prayer: this is to invite God into the meeting. For example, you can light a candle, sing together, or use a YouTube Hymn or song.
2. Open your Bibles and read the Bible verses for this week (take turns?) see below.
3. Reflect on the Bible verses and the reflection written by a Minister or Lay Preacher.
4. Connect with each other and take the reflection deeper by answering the Questions.
5. Works out: What have we learned that we can apply in our lives in this session? Keep each other accountable for promises made or important steps taken. Pray for and over each other (after taking prayer requests).

## WORSHIP SONG:

Ke Na Le Modisa- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rBoX2cmN944>

## WEEK 4

## SUNDAY - April 26

### Bible Readings



Acts 2:42-47  
 Psalm 23  
 I Peter 2:19-25  
**John 10:1-10**

John 10:1-10 New International Version

### The Good Shepherd and His Sheep

**10** “Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.” <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

<sup>7</sup> Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

### SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:

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A shepherd is someone who tends, herds, feeds, and guards their flock. This means caring for their well-being, keeping them together, providing for their needs, and protecting them from danger.

When David says in Psalm 23, “*The Lord is my shepherd,*” he is speaking from experience. As a shepherd himself, David understood the deep responsibility and commitment required to look after sheep. So, when he calls God his Shepherd, he is expressing confidence in God’s character — that God will care, provide, guide, and protect.

This picture becomes even more powerful when we look at Jesus. In 1 Peter 2:19–25, we are reminded that Jesus, though without sin, chose to suffer for us. He did not retaliate or defend Himself but entrusted Himself to God. He took on our sins and gave His life so that we could be forgiven and restored. This is the ultimate act of a Shepherd — laying down His life for His sheep.

In John 10:1–10, Jesus clearly declares, “*I am the Good Shepherd.*” He explains that His sheep know His voice, listen to Him, and follow Him. They do not follow strangers because they recognize the Shepherd who truly cares for them. Jesus is not a distant leader — He is personal. He knows His sheep, calls them by name, and leads them into abundant life. His leadership is marked by sacrifice, love, and protection.

But being His sheep also comes with a response. Acts 2:42–47 shows us what the life of Jesus’ sheep looks like in community. The believers devoted themselves to:

- Teaching (the Word of God)
- Fellowship (doing life together)
- Breaking of bread (unity and remembrance)
- Prayer

They cared for one another deeply, shared what they had, and ensured that no one was in need. This teaches us that being part of the Shepherd’s flock means we do not walk alone. We are called into a community where we support, care for, and build one another up — regardless of social or economic status.

#### **In summary:**

- God is our Shepherd — He cares, provides, guides, and protects.
- Jesus is the Good Shepherd — He laid down His life for us.
- We are His sheep — called to know His voice, follow Him, and live in loving community with one another.

### GROUP QUESTIONS :

1. What does it personally mean to you that “*The Lord is my Shepherd*”? How have you experienced His care in your life?
2. According to John 10, what does it look like to truly *hear and recognize* the voice of Jesus in today’s world?
3. 1 Peter 2 shows us Jesus’ response to suffering. What can we learn from His example when we face injustice or hardship?
4. Acts 2:42–47 describes the early church community. In what practical ways can we reflect this kind of unity and care in our church or small groups today?

### DAILY MEMORY VERSE AND PRAYER

#### **MONDAY**

Psalm 23:1 “*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.*”

**PRAYER:** Lord, help me to trust You as my Shepherd. Teach me to rely on Your provision and care in every area of my life.

## TUESDAY

John 10:3 *"The sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out."*

**PRAYER:** Jesus, help me to recognize Your voice clearly. Give me a heart that listens and follows You faithfully.

## WEDNESDAY

John 10:10 *"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."*

**PRAYER:** Lord, thank You for the abundant life You give. Help me to live fully in Your purpose and not settle for less than what You have promised.

## THURSDAY

1 Peter 2:24 *"He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness."*

**PRAYER:** Jesus, thank You for Your sacrifice. Help me to turn away from sin and live a life that honours You.

## FRIDAY

Acts 2:42 *"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."*

**PRAYER:** Lord, help me to remain devoted to Your Word, to fellowship, and to prayer. Strengthen my commitment to spiritual growth.

## SATURDAY

Psalms 23:4 *"Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me."*

**PRAYER:** Father, remind me that You are always with me, even in difficult seasons. Help me to walk in faith and not fear.

## FAMILY TIME

**Scripture: John 10:1–10 (NIV) *The Good Shepherd and His Sheep***

**Read the Scripture Together** (You could have one person read verses 1–5 and another read 6–10.)

### Setting the Scene

Jesus uses a picture everyone in His time would understand:

A shepherd and his sheep. He explains:

- The sheep **know the shepherd's voice**
- The shepherd **calls them by name**
- The sheep **follow him because they trust him**

Then Jesus says something powerful: *"I am the gate... I have come that they may have life and have it to the full."*

**Big Truth for the Week: Jesus knows us, leads us, and gives us full life.**


### For Younger Children (3–9 years)

#### Simple Discussion Questions

- Who looks after the sheep?
- How do the sheep know who to follow?
- What does Jesus say He gives us?

#### Simple Teaching

Jesus is like a good shepherd:

- He knows your name 
- He keeps you safe
- He leads you the right way

## Fun Activity

Play a simple listening game: Have everyone close their eyes. One person calls their name softly.

Ask: "How did you know who was calling?"

Explain: Just like that, we can learn to recognize Jesus' voice.

## For Teens (10+ years)

### Deeper Discussion Questions

- What does it mean practically to "hear" Jesus' voice today?
- What are some "other voices" competing for our attention? (friends, social media, pressure, fear)
- Why do you think Jesus describes Himself as both the Shepherd *and* the Gate?
- What do you think "life to the full" really looks like?
- How can we tell the difference between truth and deception?

### Reflect Together

Jesus contrasts:

- The shepherd vs. thieves
- Truth vs. deception
- Life vs. destruction

Ask:

- What are some things that promise "life" but actually drain us?
- What does real, full life in Jesus look like in your daily routine?

## Connecting to the Easter Season

This teaching connects beautifully to the risen Jesus:

**Easter – Jesus is Alive** The Shepherd is not dead — He is alive and still leading.

**Week 2 – Peace** The Shepherd brings peace to fearful hearts.

**Week 3 – Presence** The Shepherd walks with us, even when we don't see Him.

**Week 4 – Guidance** The Shepherd now leads us daily.

Looking ahead:

- **Ascension** – The Shepherd reigns as King
- **Pentecost** – The Spirit helps us hear His voice
- **Trinity Sunday** – The Shepherd reveals the heart of God

## What This Means for Us

Because Jesus is our Shepherd; We are not alone. We are not lost. We are not forgotten

And most importantly: **We are known.**

In a noisy world, Jesus invites us to: Slow down, Listen, Follow

## Family Application

Ask each person:

- What voices am I listening to most right now?
- How can I make more space to hear Jesus this week?
- What might Jesus be leading me to do?

Try this together this week:

- Spend 2 quiet minutes each day listening in prayer
- Read a short Bible verse and ask, "Jesus, what are You saying to me?"

Finish the sentence: "Jesus, help me listen to Your voice when \_\_\_\_\_."

## Closing Prayer

"Jesus, our Good Shepherd,

Thank You that You know us by name.

Thank You that You lead us and protect us.

Help us to hear Your voice above all others.

Lead us into the full life You promise.

We trust You and follow You.

Amen."