



# 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:

**Holy Spirit - Francesca Battistelli:** <https://youtu.be/BoZd7ZXh9yY>;

# WEEK 6

## SUNDAY - May 10

### Bible Readings



Acts 17:22-31  
 Psalm 66:8-20  
 I Peter 3:13-22  
**John 14:15-21**

John 14:15-21 - New International Version

### Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

<sup>15</sup> "If you love me, keep my commands. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— <sup>17</sup> the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup> I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup> Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. <sup>21</sup> Whoever has my commands

and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

### SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:

**Written by:** Local Preacher - Xhanti Mhlubulwana

**Primary Text:** John 14:15–21

**Supporting Readings:** Acts 17:22–31; Psalm 66:8–20; 1 Peter 3:13–22

**Theme:** *Relocated and Repositioned for Mission and Ministry – The Other Side Awaits.*

**Sub-Theme (Easter to Trinity):** *Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit*

In *John 14:15–21*, Jesus speaks tenderly yet powerfully to His disciples in a moment of transition. He is preparing them for His physical departure, yet assures them they will not be abandoned. Instead, they will be *relocated* from dependence on His physical presence to a deeper spiritual intimacy through the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, the Spirit of Truth. In Wesleyan understanding, this is the grace that not only justifies but sanctifies, forming believers into holy people who live out their love through obedience. Love and obedience are inseparable; to love Christ is to embody His commands in everyday life.

The promise “*I will not leave you as orphans*” speaks profoundly into the uncertainty of the early Church and our present realities. The disciples were being *repositioned* for mission, no longer followers who walk behind Jesus, but witnesses empowered by the Spirit to carry Christ into the world. This movement from fear to boldness is echoed in *Acts 17*, where Paul stands in Athens proclaiming God to a searching world. The Spirit enables believers to discern, engage, and transform their contexts with courage and truth. Thus, relocation is not loss, it is divine redirection into purpose.

In the Wesleyan tradition, this passage calls us into a lived experience of God’s indwelling presence, “*you are in me, and I am in you.*” This is the essence of holiness and communal discipleship. As the Psalmist in *Psalms 66* calls the community to testify of God’s faithfulness, and *1 Peter 3* urges believers to respond to suffering with gentleness and hope, we are reminded that Spirit-filled living is both inward transformation and outward witness. The “*Other Side*” awaits a Church that is spiritually awakened, obedient in love, and courageously engaged in God’s mission.

### GROUP QUESTIONS :

1. In what ways is God currently *relocating* or *repositioning* you spiritually, emotionally, or in your ministry context?
2. Jesus links love with obedience. What specific command of Christ is the Holy Spirit prompting you to live out more intentionally?
3. What does it mean for you personally to not live as an “orphan” but as one indwelt by the Holy Spirit?
4. How can your Small Group / Class Meeting become a space where the presence of the Holy Spirit is actively discerned and practiced?
5. Reflecting on *Acts 17*, how can you engage your community or workplace as a Spirit-empowered witness this week?

### DAILY MEMORY VERSE AND PRAYER

#### MONDAY, May 11

*Genesis 9:13 “I have set my rainbow in the clouds...”*

**Prayer:** Covenant-keeping God, help me trust in Your faithful promises. Amen

#### TUESDAY, May 12

*1 Peter 3:9 “Do not repay evil with evil...”*

**Prayer:** Lord, teach me to respond with grace and blessing. Amen

#### WEDNESDAY, May 13

*John 16:22 “You will have sorrow now... but your hearts will rejoice.”*

**Prayer:** Jesus, carry me through sorrow into resurrection joy. Amen

## **THURSDAY, May 14 – Ascension Day**

*Acts 1:11 “This same Jesus... will come back...”*

**Prayer:** Ascended Lord, anchor my hope in Your return. Amen

## **FRIDAY, May 15**

*Ephesians 2:4–5 “Because of His great love... made us alive with Christ.”*

**Prayer:** Merciful Father, thank You for new life in Christ. Amen

## **SATURDAY, May 16**

*2 Kings 2:11 “Elijah went up... in a whirlwind.”*

**Prayer:** Sovereign God, remind me of Your power and majesty. Amen

## **FAMILY TIME - Written by Magogodi Nkuna**

### **Suffering with Purpose**

Opening song: Jehova Re Tshepile Wena [https://youtu.be/CL6L56pMYTosi=S7GiZ3DSyzoW\\_YJ\\_](https://youtu.be/CL6L56pMYTosi=S7GiZ3DSyzoW_YJ_)

1 Peter 3:13–22

If someone told you that there is a blessing in suffering, would you agree with them? Probably not. Most of the time we feel cursed or unlucky when facing difficulties. However, in God's kingdom, suffering for what is right is actually a blessing.

This blessing isn't about enjoying the pain; it's about the fact that God is building something unshakeable inside you. We all suffer, that's a fact. But if you're going to suffer, Peter challenges us to make sure it's for a purpose. When you suffer with a good attitude, it acts like an “advert” for Jesus. People notice when you don't break under pressure. That is why Peter says to always be ready to give an answer for the hope you have.

Having peace in the middle of the pain is what makes them ask the question in the first place.

### **Reflection Time**

#### **Preteens**

1. When someone is mean to you for doing the right thing, does it make you want to stop doing what's right? Why or why not?
2. How does it change your "bad day" to think that God is using it to make your character stronger?
3. What is one way you can explain to a friend why you choose to be kind even when others aren't?

#### **Teens**

1. Do you agree that there can be a blessing in suffering?
2. How would you explain "suffering for a purpose" to a friend?
3. If someone watched how you go through a bad day, would they be able to tell that your hope is in something bigger than your circumstances?

### **Close in prayer**

Lord thank you that our suffering is never in vain. Help us to remember that you're in control, no matter what we are going through. Amen.