



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:

To God be the glory: <https://youtu.be/FEC8pJsOVvc>

WEEK 7

SUNDAY - May 17

Bible Readings

Open
Your
Bible

Acts 1:6-14
 Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
 I Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

John 17:1-11 - New International Version

Jesus Prays to Be Glorified

17 After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. ²For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. ³Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. ⁵And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

Jesus Prays for His Disciples

⁶ “I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸ For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. ⁹ I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰ All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. ¹¹ I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of^[2] your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:

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In this short pericope Jesus uses the word glory or glorify six times. When Jesus prays to his Father he says: “I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do”. That work was the work of the cross! Throughout John’s gospel there is talk of the “hour” that would come, and now in his prayer to the Father, Jesus declares that that time has now arrived. It was time for the cross.

Jesus obediently submits to the cross, and through his sacrifice reconciles man to God. His work was done! He had revealed the Father to the world as the only true God and showed mankind God’s plan for redemption. In John 14:9 Jesus says: “The one who has seen me has seen the Father”. If by faith we believe that Jesus was sent from God, and all he said and did was orchestrated by the Father, well then God the Father was revealed to us by the Son. Jesus says: “I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them”. It is then up to everyone to choose whether to believe that what Jesus said came from God himself, and that his words are indeed God’s truth. When we do so, there can be no doubt that God’s one and only plan for saving mankind is through faith in his son, Jesus Christ. When we believe this to be true Jesus declares that we will inherit eternal life.

Before going to the cross, Jesus asks the Father to glorify him after his death by reinstating him in his preincarnate place, in heaven beside his Father. And then what does Jesus say he plans to do? He plans to pray for those who accept his words and believe in him. Right now, Jesus is praying for protection and unity within the body of Christ. What a wonderful comfort it is to know that Jesus is seated at the right hand of the Father interceding for us and that God’s plan for us to be saved, can never be thwarted.

The Westminster Shorter Catechism states that “Man’s chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever”. Just like Jesus we are called to glorify God. Once we come to believe that Jesus was sent by the Father to reveal his plan for our salvation, and we accept this as God’s truth, we too are called to reveal God to everyone around us through our love for others, our actions and our words. Most importantly, we are called to proclaim the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to others, perhaps they, like us, will also then get to enjoy God in eternity forevermore.

GROUP QUESTIONS :

1. What do you understand the work of the cross to be?
2. Do you “know with certainty” that Jesus came from the Father? And do you believe that he sent Jesus?
3. Do you need specific intercessory prayer; can you pray to Jesus for this need?
4. When last did you tell someone about the good news of the gospel? Is there someone you have in mind who you can share the gospel with?

DAILY MEMORY VERSE AND PRAYER

MONDAY, MAY 18

1 Peter 4:2 “As a result, they do not live the rest of their earthly lives for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God.”

Prayer: Holy God, shape my desires so that I live fully for Your will.

TUESDAY, MAY 19

1 Peter 4:10 “Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others.”

Prayer: Lord, help me faithfully use my gifts to serve and bless others.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

John 3:36 "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life."

Prayer: Father, deepen my faith in Your Son and anchor me in eternal hope.

THURSDAY, MAY 21

Acts 2:4 "All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit."

Prayer: Holy Spirit, fill me today and empower me to witness boldly.

FRIDAY, MAY 22

Romans 8:15 "The Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship."

Prayer: Abba Father, thank You for calling me Your child and giving me Your Spirit.

SATURDAY, MAY 23

Matthew 5:9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

Prayer: Prince of Peace, make me an instrument of Your peace today.

FAMILY TIME

Week 7 – Intercession: Jesus now prays for and protects His followers.

This points ahead to:

- **Ascension** — Jesus returning to the Father
- **Pentecost** — believers empowered by the Spirit
- **Trinity Sunday** — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit working together in perfect love

What This Means for Us

Sometimes we feel:

- Forgotten
- Alone
- Unseen

But John 17 reminds us: Jesus speaks our needs before the Father.

We are deeply loved by:

- The Father who protects
- The Son who prays
- The Spirit who helps us

Family Application

Ask each family member:

- Who can I pray for this week?
- Is there someone I need to make peace with?
- How can our family show unity and love?

Finish this sentence together: *"Jesus, thank You for praying for me when _____."*

Closing Prayer

"Father God, Thank You for loving us so much.

Jesus, thank You for praying for Your people.

Protect our family and help us stay close to You and to one another.

Teach us to love, forgive, and pray for others.

May we live in Your peace and unity.

Amen."