

The Watford Word

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What's on

Wednesday 05 April. "How to read the Bible": What on earth is 'hermeneutics' and why does it matter? Men and women together online using Zoom, 7.30pm fellowship, 8PM lesson and discussion.

<https://iccmissions-org.zoom.us/j/91401567468?pwd=UFF6citFeWtoYUpHTEl3ZnVDUjhrZz09>
Meeting ID: 914 0156 7468
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Sunday 09 April - service, 10:30AM. Easter Sunday.
The men and women at the cross and the tomb.

Wed 12th (or on a date agreed and arranged by the women) - women meet in person to discuss hermeneutics further

Sunday 16 April - service, 10:30AM.

Wed 19th - men meet in person to discuss hermeneutics further

Sunday 23 April - service, 10:30AM.

Sunday 30 April - service, 10:30AM.

Passion Week

The week ahead is often called 'Holy Week' because it follows Jesus on the road to the cross and to the empty tomb.

Holy Week is also known as Passion Week because it commemorates the last week of Jesus' life, which culminated in his passion, death, and resurrection. The word "passion" comes from the Latin word "passio," which means suffering or enduring. During this week we remember and reflect on the intense suffering that Jesus experienced during his crucifixion, which he endured out of love for us all.

The events of Holy Week are described in all four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. These accounts detail Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, his betrayal by Judas, his Last Supper with his disciples, his arrest and trial, his



crucifixion, death, and burial, and finally, his resurrection on Easter Sunday.

The events of this week are so momentous that for 2000 years Christians have found varying ways of commemorating the events. Fasting, prayer, enactments of the week and special gatherings have helped our brothers and sisters deepen the devotional experience of connecting the meaning of that week. By reflecting on Jesus' passion and death, we seek to strengthen our faith and develop a greater appreciation for the sacrificial love that Jesus demonstrated through his suffering.

“Jesus’ life, and particularly his death, show God’s ultimate solidarity with the marginalised and the oppressed—with those who most acutely experience godforsakenness. Our call is to identify with Christ’s suffering and death, much as he has identified with us. In his death, we are united with his suffering. And in identifying with his resurrection, we are raised to new life. In the crucifixion, God opens the Trinity to us. The eternal love of the Trinity is made available to us in the ultimately humbling act of death on a cross, and our experience of godforsakenness is overcome, for we are now welcomed into the relation of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.” From, ‘A Better Atonement’, by Tony Jones

Bible Readings for the Week

You might like to try these suggested Bible readings for the week.

Monday – Mark 11:11-18

Tuesday – Matthew 25:31-46

Wednesday – Mark 14:1-11

Thursday – Luke 22:7-53

Friday – John 18:15-19:42

Saturday – Matthew 27:62-66, Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Sunday – Luke 24:1-49

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Bible Study in Mark’s Gospel

Another fruitful approach would be daily Bible studies based on this format:

Sunday 11.1-11 The entry into Jerusalem and the Temple; departure in the evening (v. 11).

Monday 11.12-19 The fig tree en route to Jerusalem; incident in the Temple; departure in the evening (v. 19).

Tuesday 11.20—13.37 The fig tree en route to Jerusalem again; discussions in and about the Temple.

Wednesday 14.1-11 Two days before the Passover; the anointing and Judas.

Thursday 14.12-72 One day before the Passover; the Last Supper and arrest.

Friday 15.1-47 The crucifixion and burial of Jesus.

Saturday The sabbath rest (15.42; 16.1).

Sunday 16.1-8 What happened next.

Taken from ‘Four Gospels, One Jesus?’, Richard Burridge.

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