Message **1** out of 4

Dear Brothers I rejoice with you this week in celebrating The Triumphal entry, the Sacrifice on the Cross, the Resurrection, and the hope of Eternal Life before us.

This is called “*Holy Week”.* Let us center all our thoughts, emotions, feelings on JESUS our CHRIST Himself. HE is the priority in our lives above all else – amen?!

*We will glorify the King of Kings; we will glorify the Lamb.*

*We will glorify the Lord of lords, Who is the great I AM.*

May I suggest dear brothers that you gather your family for a joyful moment around the Bible? Focus on ***Jesus our Christ***. The following presents itself for a moment of fresh family interaction with each other, with God and with the Bible.

Read John 3:16 to your family out loud in the paraphrased format below by adding your own name and the name Jesus. Next ask your wife to read it like that by adding her name. After that ask each child to read it like that.

Then talk about it briefly as a family.

Then in a paraphrased format read about who our Jesus **really** is John 1: 1-4 & 10-12.

Then again talk about it briefly as a family.

Close with a prayer. Let the children pray. Perhaps add a song. It will be a true highlight for all.

"*For God so loved* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *that he gave his one and only Son \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ believes in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ shall not perish but have eternal life*.

**SAMPLE**

"For God so loved Abraham that he gave his one and only Son JESUS, that Abraham who believes in JESUS shall not perish but have eternal life.

**Joh 1:1** In the beginning was JESUS, and JESUS was with God, and JESUS was God.

Joh 1:2 JESUS was with God in the beginning.

Joh 1:3 Through JESUS all things were made; without JESUS nothing was made that has been made.

Joh 1:4 In JESUS was life, and that life was the light of men.

Joh 1:10 JESUS was in the world, and though the world was made through JESUS, the world did not recognize JESUS.

Joh 1:11 JESUS came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive JESUS.

Joh 1:12 Yet to all who received JESUS, to those who believed in his name, JESUS gave the right to become children of God—

*Hallelujah to the King of Kings; hallelujah to the Lamb.*

*Hallelujah to the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.*

*When you have done this yourself, I recommend that you ask your church team to do it and later that your deacons will ask the members of your church to do it with their families.*

Message **2** out of 4

Dear Brothers I rejoice with you this week in celebrating The Triumphal entry, the Sacrifice on the Cross, the Resurrection, and the hope of Eternal Life before us.

This is called “*Holy Week”.* Our glorious God told us “be Holy”. Then our Heavenly Father added “I **will** make you Holy. The gift of Holiness. Isn’t that wonderful? Holy means “*pure*” NOT perfect! Purity is expressed by love. Jesus said love God and your neighbor. May I suggest dear brothers that you gather your family for a joyful moment around the Bible? Focus on the gift of Holiness – purity as expressed in love. The following presents itself for a moment of fresh family interaction with each other, with God and with the Bible.

Read 1st Cor. 13:1-7 to your family out loud. But in vs 1-3 put your own name behind the “I”. Thus I *Abraham*, etc. Then in vs 4-7 replace the word “love” with your own name.

Next ask your wife to read it like that. After that ask each child to read it like that.

Then talk about what this means to you as a family. Close with a prayer. Let the children pray. Perhaps add an appropriate song. It will be a true highlight for all.

**SAMPLE**

**Co 13:1** If I *Abraham* speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I *Abraham* am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.

1Co 13:2 If I *Abraham* have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I *Abraham* have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I *Abraham* am nothing.

1Co 13:3 If I *Abraham* give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I *Abraham* gain nothing.

1Co 13:4 *Abraham* is patient, *Abraham* is kind. It does not envy, *Abraham* does not boast, it is not proud.

1Co 13:5 *Abraham* is not rude, *Abraham* is not self-seeking, *Abraham* is not easily angered, *Abraham* keeps no record of wrongs.

1Co 13:6 *Abraham* does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

1Co 13:7 *Abraham* always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

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Message **3** out of 4

Dear Brothers I rejoice with you this week in celebrating The Triumphal entry, the Sacrifice on the Cross, the Resurrection, and the hope of Eternal Life before us.

This is called “*Holy Week”.* Let us think on the love and care of **Jesus our Christ** for our daily well-being right now here on earth as expressed in Psalm 23. Let this well-known psalm bring refreshed blessing to your family in the personalized version below.

May I suggest dear brothers that you gather your family for a joyful moment around the Bible? The following presents itself for a moment of fresh family interaction with each other, with God and with the Bible.

Read Psalm 23 to your family out loud in the personalized format below by replacing all pronouns with your own name. Next ask your wife to read it like that by adding her name. After that ask each child to read it like that.

Then talk about it a bit as a family.

Close with a prayer. Let the children pray. Perhaps add a song. It will be a true highlight for all.

**PSALM 23**

*Draw close to God by replacing all pronouns with your own name - - - ,*

1 The Lord Jesus is - - - shepherd; - - - has everything - - - needs.

2 The Lord Jesus lets - - - rest in fields of green grass and leads - - - to quiet pools of fresh water.

3 The Lord Jesus gives - - - new strength. He guides - - - in the right paths, as he has promised.

4 Even if - - - go through the deepest darkness, - - - will not be afraid, Lord Jesus, for you are with - - - . Your shepherd's rod and staff Lord Jesus, protect - - - .

5 You, Lord Jesus, prepare a banquet for - - - , where all of - - - enemies can see - - - ; you welcome - - - as an honored guest and fill - - -‘s cup to the brim.

6 - - - knows that your goodness Lord Jesus and love will be with - - - all - - - life; and - - - will live in your house Lord forever.

**Psalm 23 a gift for a friend**

*Later bless a friend by replacing all pronouns with his name - - - , then read it, and give it to him as a personal blessing from yourself.*

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When you have done it yourself, please ask your church team to do it and later your deacon will ask the members of your church to do it with their families.

Message **4** out of 4

Dear Brothers I rejoice with you this week in celebrating The Triumphal entry, the Sacrifice on the Cross, the Resurrection, and the hope of Eternal Life before us.

This is called “*Holy Week”.* The purpose of the Resurrection was Eternal Life. Often our thoughts shrink to ‘*Jesus died for us’*. But in reality JESUS our CHRIST did much more. His focus was to prepare a whole new universe!

Bring refreshed blessing to your family by focusing on the full purpose of the Resurrection and the complete goal JESUS our CHRIST had in mind for us.

May I suggest dear Brothers to gather your family for a joyful moment around the Bible? The following presents itself for a moment of fresh family interaction with each other, with God and with the Bible.

Read Rev 21:1-22:6 to your family in a modern version you seldom use. Next ask your wife to read it also. After that ask the children to read it in a children’s bible.

Then talk about it a bit as a family. (*Verses below are to highlight your discussion*)

Close with a prayer. Let the children pray. Perhaps add a song. It will be a true highlight for all.

Rev 21:1  I saw a new heaven and a new earth.

Rev 21:2  I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem. It was coming down out of heaven from God.

Rev 21:3  I heard a loud voice from the throne. It said, "Now God makes his home with people. He will live with them. They will be his people. And God himself will be with them and be their God.

Rev 21:11  It shone with the glory of God. It gleamed like a very valuable jewel. It was like a jasper, as clear as crystal.

Rev 21:22  the Lamb and the Lord God who rules over all are its temple.

Rev 21:23  God's glory is its light, and the Lamb is its lamp.

**Rev 22:1**  Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life. It was as clear as crystal. It flowed from the throne of God and of the Lamb.

Rev 22:2  On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing 12 crops of fruit. Its fruit was ripe every month. The leaves of the tree bring healing to the nations.

Rev 22:4  They will see his face.

Rev 22:5  There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun. The Lord God will give them light. They will rule for ever and ever.

Rev 22:6  The angel said to me, "You can trust these words. They are true. Rev 22:21  May the grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen.

*When you have done it yourself, please ask your church team to do it and later your deacon will ask the members of your church to do it with their families.*