

Day 4

# 2026 Holy Week Devotional



**Vibrant**  **Life**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

A Journey of Grace, Reflection, and Faith

## **A Message from Vibrant Life Baptist Church**

**To our Vibrant Life family and friends,**

*Welcome to this sacred season of reflection. As we journey through Holy Week together, our hearts are fixed on the horizon, expectantly looking forward to the glorious celebration of **Resurrection Sunday**.*

*The purpose of this devotional is simple yet profound: **to strengthen our body in the discipline of prayer**. There is a unique, transformative power when a congregation unites with a common focus. By setting aside these moments, we are not just reading words on a page; we are joining our voices as one to seek the heart of God.*

### **Our Focus: The Heart of Jesus as Evidenced by His Final Thoughts**

*This year, our devotions center on the final teachings of Jesus to His disciples—and to all of us who would follow in His footsteps. Even while facing imminent death, Jesus' primary concern remained the redemption and restoration of mankind, and to instill confidence and to strengthen the believer. This selfless love is most evident in the **Gospel of John, chapters 14 through 17**. Within these chapters, we find His promises of peace, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and His high priestly prayer for our unity.*

### **How to Use This Devotional**

*To help us stay grounded in the Word throughout the day, each day is structured with:*

- **Morning Scripture & Prayer Prompt:** *To center your mind as you begin your day.*
- **Evening Scripture & Prayer Prompt:** *To reflect on His grace before you rest.*

### **Our Shared Commitment**

*We invite you to be **consistent** in this practice. We encourage every member of our church family to participate daily, making the time each morning and evening to read and pray. As we align our spirits with the teachings of Jesus, may we find ourselves more deeply connected to Him and to one another.*

*Let us walk this path together, moving toward the empty tomb with renewed faith and a united heart.*

## Day 4:

### Morning Reading and Prayer Prompt:

#### John 15:18-20

<sup>18</sup> *"If the world hates you, understand that it hated me before it hated you. <sup>19</sup> If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own. However, because you are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of it, the world hates you. <sup>20</sup> Remember the word I spoke to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours.*

#### Key Points:

- The world and its views are in opposition to Jesus and His teaching. If we follow Jesus, we too, will be in opposition to the world.
- It is more important for us to be conformed to Jesus (Romans 12:1-2) than to the world. The world should know us by the fruit that we bear, that we are different.

#### Prayer Prompt:

- Pray for the strength, wisdom, and discernment to follow Jesus and not the world.
- Acknowledge that difficult times are coming for followers of Jesus and pray for your strength and endurance.

### Evening Reading and Prayer Prompt:

#### John 15:12-13; 16:13-14

<sup>15:26</sup> *"When the Counselor comes, the one I will send to you from the Father —the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father—he will testify about me. <sup>27</sup> You also will testify, because you have been with me from the beginning."*

<sup>16:13</sup> *"When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth. For he will not speak on his own, but he will speak whatever he hears. He will also declare to you what is to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you."*

#### Key Points:

- Another role of the Holy Spirit is to provide us with the confidence to speak God's truth when the situation arises, and not to shy away from the opportunity.
- Jesus clearly instructs His disciples (followers) to testify about Him. We must ask ourselves if we just believe, or are we following? If we are followers (disciples), Jesus clearly tells us that we have an obligation to give testimony to Him and His gospel.

#### Prayer Prompt:

- Give thanks for the opportunity you have been given to share Jesus with the world. Freely share with God any concerns, fears, or anxiety you may have about testifying about Jesus.
- Pray for strength, wisdom and the power to testify about Jesus.