

Day 5

# 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 5:

### Morning Reading and Prayer Prompt:

#### John 17:1-3

<sup>1</sup> “Jesus spoke these things, looked up to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup> since you gave him authority over all people, so that he may give eternal life to everyone you have given him. <sup>3</sup> This is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and the one you have sent —Jesus Christ”.

#### Key Points:

- In one of His final prayers, Jesus reiterates that He came to make eternal life available to those who would believe in Him.
- Eternal life is the ultimate victory over death and the grave.

#### Prayer Prompt:

- Thank God for the reality of the victory and the promise of eternal life.
- Ask God to make the gift of eternal life an ever-present reality in your life, so that you will not be anxious in the midst of trials. For remembrance to look up, and not around!

### Evening Reading and Prayer Prompt:

#### John 17:21-23

<sup>21</sup> “May they all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us, so that the world may believe you sent me. <sup>22</sup> I have given them the glory you have given me, so that they may be one as we are one. <sup>23</sup> I am in them and you are in me, so that they may be made completely one, that the world may know you have sent me and have loved them as you have loved me.”

#### Key Points:

- God’s love for us, should be reflected in how we treat one another in the body of Christ. The world should be able to see a special unifying love among believers.
- We are one in Spirit, just as God the Father and Jesus Christ are One. Unity in the body.

#### Prayer Prompt:

- None of us consistently demonstrates the patience, grace, and sacrificial love for one another that Jesus prayed for us to have. Pray for forgiveness with regard to how you feel and act toward specific brethren.
- Ask God for wisdom, guidance, and strength to live out the type of love and unity that Jesus desires for His followers.