



WHY JESUS?

A Novena of Truth, Evidence, and Encounter

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This is a (9-day) novena centered on the question “Why Jesus?”— designed to lead the heart and mind through Scripture, evidence, and encounter with Jesus Christ.

A novena is a prayer or set of devotions repeated for nine consecutive days, and its origin is linked to the nine days that the Apostles and Mary spent in prayer between the Ascension of Jesus and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (Acts 1:12–14).

DAY 1 — THE PROMISE

Opening Prayer

Lord Jesus, You are the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Open my mind to understand, my heart to believe, and my will to follow You. Remove doubt, deepen faith, and lead me into the truth of who You are. Amen.

Scripture: Isaiah 53:3–7; Micah 5:2; Psalm 22:16–18

Meditation: Long before Jesus was born, Scripture described a suffering, rejected Savior.

Reflection: His life fulfills prophecy written centuries before.

Personal Prayer: Help me trust Your plan.

Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, You are the fulfillment of prophecy, the truth of Scripture, the Savior on the cross, and the risen King. Strengthen my faith in You, anchor me in truth, and lead me to follow You fully. Amen.

DAY 2 — THE PERSON

Opening Prayer

Lord Jesus, You are the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Open my mind to understand, my heart to believe, and my will to follow You. Remove doubt, deepen faith, and lead me into the truth of who You are. Amen.

Scripture: John 14:6; Mark 2:5–12; John 10:30

Meditation: Jesus claimed to be truth and spoke with divine authority.

Reflection: His claims demand a response.

Personal Prayer: Reveal Yourself to me.

Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, You are the fulfillment of prophecy, the truth of Scripture, the Savior on the cross, and the risen King. Strengthen my faith in You, anchor me in truth, and lead me to follow You fully. Amen.

DAY 3 — THE CROSS

Opening Prayer

Lord Jesus, You are the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Open my mind to understand, my heart to believe, and my will to follow You. Remove doubt, deepen faith, and lead me into the truth of who You are. Amen.

Scripture: Isaiah 53:5; Luke 23:33–34; 1 Peter 2:24

Meditation: The cross is substitution and love.

Reflection: He paid what we could not.

Personal Prayer: Thank You for Your mercy.

Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, You are the fulfillment of prophecy, the truth of Scripture, the Savior on the cross, and the risen King. Strengthen my faith in You, anchor me in truth, and lead me to follow You fully. Amen.

DAY 4 — THE RESURRECTION

Opening Prayer

Lord Jesus, You are the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Open my mind to understand, my heart to believe, and my will to follow You. Remove doubt, deepen faith, and lead me into the truth of who You are. Amen.

Scripture: Matthew 28; 1 Corinthians 15; Luke 24

Meditation: The tomb was empty and witnesses saw Him.

Reflection: The resurrection changes everything.

Personal Prayer: Strengthen my faith.

Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, You are the fulfillment of prophecy, the truth of Scripture, the Savior on the cross, and the risen King. Strengthen my faith in You, anchor me in truth, and lead me to follow You fully. Amen.

DAY 5 — THE WITNESSES

Opening Prayer

Lord Jesus, You are the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Open my mind to understand, my heart to believe, and my will to follow You. Remove doubt, deepen faith, and lead me into the truth of who You are. Amen.

Scripture: Acts 2; Acts 4; Galatians 1

Meditation: Lives were radically transformed.

Reflection: Something real happened.

Personal Prayer: Transform me.

Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, You are the fulfillment of prophecy, the truth of Scripture, the Savior on the cross, and the risen King. Strengthen my faith in You, anchor me in truth, and lead me to follow You fully. Amen.

DAY 6 — THE SCRIPTURES

Opening Prayer

Lord Jesus, You are the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Open my mind to understand, my heart to believe, and my will to follow You. Remove doubt, deepen faith, and lead me into the truth of who You are. Amen.

Scripture: Luke 1; John 20; 2 Peter 1

Meditation: Eyewitness accounts recorded truth.

Reflection: Faith is grounded in history.

Personal Prayer: Grow my understanding.

Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, You are the fulfillment of prophecy, the truth of Scripture, the Savior on the cross, and the risen King. Strengthen my faith in You, anchor me in truth, and lead me to follow You fully. Amen.

DAY 7 — THE MESSAGE

Opening Prayer

Lord Jesus, You are the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Open my mind to understand, my heart to believe, and my will to follow You. Remove doubt, deepen faith, and lead me into the truth of who You are. Amen.

Scripture: Ephesians 2; Luke 15; Romans 5

Meditation: Grace is given, not earned.

Reflection: Salvation is a gift.

Personal Prayer: Help me receive grace.

Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, You are the fulfillment of prophecy, the truth of Scripture, the Savior on the cross, and the risen King. Strengthen my faith in You, anchor me in truth, and lead me to follow You fully. Amen.

DAY 8 — THE UNIQUENESS

Opening Prayer

Lord Jesus, You are the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Open my mind to understand, my heart to believe, and my will to follow You. Remove doubt, deepen faith, and lead me into the truth of who You are. Amen.

Scripture: Acts 4; John 1; Colossians 1

Meditation: No one else is like Jesus.

Reflection: He stands alone as Savior.

Personal Prayer: Anchor me in truth.

Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, You are the fulfillment of prophecy, the truth of Scripture, the Savior on the cross, and the risen King. Strengthen my faith in You, anchor me in truth, and lead me to follow You fully. Amen.

DAY 9 — THE INVITATION

Opening Prayer

Lord Jesus, You are the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Open my mind to understand, my heart to believe, and my will to follow You. Remove doubt, deepen faith, and lead me into the truth of who You are. Amen.

Scripture: Revelation 3; John 1; Romans 10

Meditation: Jesus invites, not forces.

Reflection: The decision is personal.

Personal Prayer: I open my heart.

Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, You are the fulfillment of prophecy, the truth of Scripture, the Savior on the cross, and the risen King. Strengthen my faith in You, anchor me in truth, and lead me to follow You fully. Amen.