

The Big Story

Lent and Holy Week

Holy Week

Monday of Holy Week

Isaiah 40:1-5

Galatians 4:4-5

and God came as a baby, born to a peasant woman and laid to sleep where animals ate, to rescue the people from their slavery; the eternal Word in frailty of flesh; and John the Baptist's voice was heard in the silence calling, "God's kingdom is come" ...

Tuesday of Holy Week

Matthew 5:1-11, 17

Hebrews 1:1-3

and Jesus passed through the Jordan like God's people, and heard God's words; and Jesus was tempted in the wilderness like God's people, and spoke God's words; and Jesus stood on the mountain shining in the radiance of glory, and God blessed him; and Jesus spoke to the people of the best ways to live saying, "I give you a new commandment" ...

Wednesday of Holy Week

John 6:5-13, 32-40

Numbers 27:15-17

and Jesus said, "I am the Way", and he gave bread to the hungry, water to the thirsty and rest to the weary; and Jesus said, "I am the Light", and he brought sight to the blind, freedom to the prisoner and life to the dead; and Jesus said, "I am the Shepherd", and he welcomed the unwelcome, loved the unlovable and forgave the guilty ...

Maundy Thursday

Psalms 24:7-10

Isaiah 55:1-9

and Jesus entered Jerusalem as the king of glory proclaiming, "The greatest one is the servant of all"; and he washed the feet of his friends, and broke bread with them saying, "This is the new covenant"; and brought into being the substance of former shadows ...

Good Friday

John 1:29

1 Peter 2:22-25

but Passover came, and the priest became sacrifice to give life to the dead, the master became slave to redeem those in chains, and the perfect Lamb of God gave himself for the wrong of all people; and Jesus spoke forgiveness and welcomed the wanderer home; and darkness covered the land; and his friends carried his body to a garden.

They thought this was the end of the story, but it was not.

Holy Saturday

Colossians 1:15-17

Daniel 7:13-14

There was silence, and in the time between times the world waited, hardly daring even to breathe; and the Ancient of Days gathered the clouds of heaven ...

Easter Sunday

Revelation 21:1-6

Numbers 6:23-26

but death could not hold him, and in the darkness of the first day of the week, Jesus burst out and made light and life, and hope and home; and Eden is restored, Jerusalem rebuilt, and the gates of heaven opened; for the old chapter is ended and the new chapter is begun ...

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