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Holy Week

FIND A SLOGAN

Each day of Holy Week, Monday through Saturday, has special services. Each one has special Bible readings. On the left of this page, the Bible readings for each day (or some of them) are listed. Read them one at a time. After reading the day's Bible passages, look at the list of other Bible

verses below. In one of these verses, you will find a word or phrase that would make a good "slogan" for each day of Holy Week. It's up to you and your partner to find a phrase that can be a slogan, and write it by the day of Holy Week it goes with.

Find slogans in Matthew 21:9; Luke 24:34; Matthew 11:29; John 15:8; Mark 2:19; Mark 13:33; John 19:30





IT'S IN THE OLD TESTAMENT, TOO

During Holy Week, we are called to take part in the life of Christ. On *Holy Thursday*, we are with him and his disciples at the Last Supper. We receive a startling lesson in humility when he washes our feet like a servant.

Later during the services, the church becomes dark as we remember how the Lord agonized in the Garden of Gethsemane, and how we all betrayed him.

On Holy Friday, we see the deepest cruelty humans are capable of. We also see the measureless love God has for us. The world crucifies its own Lord and Creator, and he willingly accepts this crucifixion because he loves his creatures.

During all these services, we have been remembering events, and at the same time anticipating the Resurrection we know is coming. Then comes *Holy Saturday* evening, and during the Lighting of Candles (Jrakalooyts) Service, something very important happens. We read two passages from the *Old* Testament. Why? Because the whole Old Testament is an anticipation of Christ's coming.

Read the two passages. The first in Isaiah Chapter 60. As it is read, the lights and candles in the church are put on. Why?

Now read Daniel Chapter 3. We read this because the three young men were not overcome by the fiery furnace, just as Christ was not overcome by the tomb.

We rejoice in the Old Testament, which looks forward to Christ!

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