

God's Story Our Story™

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Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

O Lord, you stand unmoved by the clamor of the angry crowd. Show us what it means to truly surrender, trusting in your ultimate power over all the forces of darkness. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



Read: Read the key verses from Sunday's reading.

¹⁵They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but the emperor. ¹⁶Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. (John 19:15-16)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Pilate has the unenviable task of deciding the fate of an accused Jewish blasphemer. The religious issues are of no consequence to this Roman official, but sending an innocent man to death might agitate his conscience for a while.



Jesus Condemned



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

Tell of a time you were in a crowd when tension started to build. What is it that makes certain behaviors unacceptable when alone or in small groups, but more acceptable in large crowds? Did you keep your head when the crowd started to turn, or did you follow the crowd?

Wonder: How did Jesus feel when he was sentenced to death?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God guide your thoughts and actions. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Attend a protest and stand up for something you believe in. Keep your head, even if the crowd begins to turn.



Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the daily readings.

Sunday, John 19:1-16a, Jesus Condemned
Monday, John 14:15-31, The Promise of the Holy Spirit
Tuesday, John 15:1-17, Jesus the True Vine
Wednesday, John 15:18--6:4a, The World's Hatred
Thursday, John 16:4b-15, The Work of the Spirit
Friday, John 16:16-24, Sorrow Will Turn into Joy
Saturday, John 16:25-33, Peace for the Disciples