

## Week 32: The Passion of Christ

### Scripture Reading:

"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." - Isaiah 53:5

### Opening Prayer:

Open with a heart of reverence and awe, reflecting on the immense sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross, and asking for a deeper understanding and appreciation of His love and passion for us.

### Devotional:

Christ's suffering and sacrifice is the very heart of the Christian faith. Jesus, the Son of God, came to earth not to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom. His journey to the cross was marked by betrayal, denial, and intense suffering, both physical and spiritual. Yet, His love for humanity and obedience to the Father overshadowed the pain. The gravity of Christ's passion reminds us of the depth of our sin and the extraordinary lengths God went to for our redemption. Every drop of blood shed and every stripe borne was a testament to His unyielding love and commitment to save us.

### Discussion:

1. Why is it important for believers to regularly reflect on the passion of Christ? (1 Peter 2:24)
2. How does understanding the depth of Christ's suffering impact our gratitude and commitment to Him? (Romans 5:8)
3. In what ways can we model Christ's selfless love and sacrifice in our daily lives? (John 15:13)

### Closing Prayer:

Close by thanking Jesus for His immeasurable love, expressed through His passion and sacrifice, and asking for the strength and grace to live a life worthy of such an immense gift.