

Celebrating Holy Week as a Family

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Below are suggested readings for family worship during Holy Week. Feel free to adjust the readings, or to pull from another gospel's account of the same event. The ESV Study Bible has a useful harmony of Holy Week on page 1866. *One Day* would be a great hymn to sing throughout the week. Also you might light seven candles at the beginning of the week and snuff one out each day, so that the light *seems* to be extinguished with Jesus' death. When the children rise on Easter morning have celebratory music playing with all the candles lit for the final reading. Noel Piper has several other great ideas in her book *Treasuring God in our Traditions*, which you can read online for free*.

- Saturday: John 12:1-11 – Jesus Is Anointed
- Sunday: Matthew 21:1-11 – Triumphal Entry
- Monday: Mark 11:15-19 – Jesus Clears the Temple
- Tuesday: Matthew 21:33-46 – The Parable of the Tenants
- Wednesday: Matthew 26:1-5, 17-19 – Passover Preparations
- Thursday: Luke 22:14-23, 39-46 – The Passover
- Friday: Mark 15:1-5, 16-47 – The Crucifixion
- Saturday: Solemn Silence
- Sunday: Matthew 28:1-20 – Resurrection

**Treasuring God in our Traditions* by Noel Piper can be read online for free at:
http://cdn.desiringgod.org/pdf/books_btgt/btgt.pdf