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Read Matthew 21:1-11.

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BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS

Read John 13:31-38; 19:1-16.

DAY 3

BLESSED ARE THE MEEK

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DAY 4

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE PERSECUTED BECAUSE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS AND BLESSED ARE YOU WHEN PEOPLE INSULT YOU, PERSECUTE YOU AND FALSELY SAY ALL KINDS OF EVIL AGAINST YOU Read John 19:16-30.

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BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS

Read Luke 23:26-49.

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