

# EASTER COUNTDOWN SCRIPTURE CHAIN



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## ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Print these pages on colored cardstock.
2. Cut strips apart and arrange in order.
3. Assemble chain using tape, glue or staples
4. Affix final (Easter Sunday) loop to this box. >>>
5. Remove one link a day, read the passage
6. Count down the days to Resurrection Sunday!

Affix  
Easter Sunday  
Loop Here



On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb bringing spices which they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.... two men suddenly stood near them in dazzling clothing... & said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but He has risen." (Luke 25:1-6, NASB)



Going to Pilate, [Joseph of Arimethea] asked for Jesus' body. Then he took it down, wrapped it in linen cloth & placed it in a tomb cut in the rock, one in which no one had yet been laid. It was Preparation Day, and the Sabbath was about to begin. (Luke 23:52-54, NIV)



It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness fell over the whole land until the ninth hour, because the sun was obscured; and the veil of the temple was torn in two. And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, "Father, INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT." Having said this, He breathed His last. (Luke 23:44-46, NASB)



They took Jesus, therefore, and He went out, bearing His own cross, to the place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha. There they crucified Him, and with Him two other men, one on either side, and Jesus in between. Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It was written, "JESUS THE NAZARENE, THE KING OF THE JEWS." (John 19:17-19, NASB)



Pilate said to them, "What shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Crucify Him!" & he said, "Why, what evil has He done?" But they kept shouting all the more, saying, "Crucify Him!" When Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing, but rather that a riot was starting, he took water & washed his hands in front of the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this Man's blood. See to that yourselves." (Matt. 27:22-24)



And He came out and proceeded as was His custom to the Mount of Olives... He knelt down and began to pray, saying, "Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done." ... And being in agony He was praying very fervently; and His sweat became like drops of blood, falling down upon the ground. (Luke 22:39, 41-44, NASB)



And when He had taken some bread and given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me." And in the same way He took the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood." (Luke 22:19-20, NASB)



On the next day the large crowd who had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took the branches of the palm trees and went out to meet Him, and *began* to shout, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel." (John 12:12-13, NASB)



While He was in Bethany at the home of Simon the leper, & reclining at the table, there came a woman with an alabaster vial of very costly perfume of pure nard; and she broke the vial and poured it over His head. But some were indignantly... scolding her. But Jesus said, "Let her alone.... She has done what she could; she has anointed My body beforehand for the burial." (Mark 14:3-4,7, NASB)



Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. For their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth. (John 17:17-19, NASB)



And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved. (Acts 4:12, NASB)  
For there is one God, *and* one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony given at the proper time. (1 Timothy 2:5-6, NASB)



Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow... & every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:8-11, NASB)



Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men. (Philippians 2:5-7, NASB)



But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, & by His scourging we are healed. All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; but the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him. (Isaiah 53:5-6, NASB)



He was despised & forsaken of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; & like one from whom men hide their face He was despised, & we did not esteem Him. Surely our griefs He Himself bore, and our sorrows He carried; yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God, & afflicted. (Isaiah 53:3-4, NASB)



... so that I may gain Christ, & may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith, that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings... (Phillippians 3:8-10, NASB)



But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish... (Philippians 3:7-8, NASB)



Call to Me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great & mighty things, which you do not know. (Jeremiah 33:3, NASB)



Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way. (Psalm 139:23-24)



Seek the LORD while He may be found; Call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return to the LORD, and He will have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. (Isaiah 55:6-7, NASB)



He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6:8, NASB)



In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace which He lavished on us. (Ephesians 1:7-8, NASB)



Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; & purify your hearts, you double-minded.... Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you. (James 4:8,10, NASB)



But He gives a greater grace. Therefore *it* says, "God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble." Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil & he will flee from you. (James 4:6-7, NASB)



Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance? But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God... (Romans 2:4-5, NASB)



Now after John had been taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

(Mark 1:14-15, NASB)



Immediately the Spirit impelled Him to go out into the wilderness. And He was in the wilderness forty days being tempted by Satan; & He was with the wild beasts, and the angels were ministering to Him.

(Mark 1:12-13, NASB)



Blessed are those who hunger & thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

(Matthew 5:4-9, NASB)



But if the wicked man turns from all his sins which he has committed & observes all My statutes & practices justice & righteousness, he shall surely live; he shall not die.

(Ezekiel 18:21, NASB)



Therefore the LORD longs to be gracious to you, And therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you. For the LORD is a God of justice; How blessed are all those who long for Him.

(Isaiah 30:18, NASB)



Then your light will break out like the dawn, and your recovery will speedily spring forth; and your righteousness will go before you; the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard. Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry, & He will say, "Here I am."

(Isaiah 58:8-9, NASB)



Is this not the fast which I choose, to loosen the bonds of wickedness, to undo the bands of the yoke, and to let the oppressed go free & break every yoke? Is it not to divide your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into the house; when you see the naked, to cover him; & not to hide yourself from your own flesh?

(Isaiah 58:6-7, NASB)



But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face so that your fasting will not be noticed by men, but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.

(Matthew 6:17-18)



Yet even now," declares the LORD, "Return to Me with all your heart, and with fasting, weeping and mourning; and rend your heart and not your garments." Now return to the LORD your God, for He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, abounding in lovingkindness and relenting of evil.

(Joel 2:12-13)



Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world. (1 Peter 5:8-9, NASB)



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Clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you. (1 Peter 5:5-7, NASB)



The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance. (2 Peter 3:9, NASB)



For You do not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it; You are not pleased with burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise. (Psalm 51:16-17, NASB)



Hide Your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. (Psalm 51:9-10, NASB)



Do not cast me away from Your presence and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and sustain me with a willing spirit. (Psalm 51:11-12, NASB)



Behold, You desire truth in the innermost being, and in the hidden part You will make me know wisdom. Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. (Psalm 51:6-7, NASB)



Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the greatness of Your compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. (Psalm 51:1-2, NASB)