

# WEEKLY BIBLE READING GUIDE FOR 2018 LENT

## “Jesus in the Gospel of John”

### Sixth Week

#### **Monday, March 26: John 18: 1-14 ... Jesus, Arrested**

Jesus is arrested and his trial begins. Here we get a clear picture of Jesus in control of the situation. He allows himself to get arrested even rebuking Peter for trying to protect him. He protects his disciple as he predicted he would. With clear understanding of his calling, Jesus was able to calmly embrace his upcoming trial. *How do you stay calm when you face adversity in life? What do you believe God is calling you to do with your life now?*

#### **Tuesday, March 27: John 18:15-27 ... Peter’s Denials**

Peter’s denial of Jesus is found in all 4 Gospels. The Synoptic Gospels record that a rooster crowed when Peter denied Jesus three times and that then he remembered Jesus’ words and wept bitterly. Jesus had said to him, “Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.” *Have you even been tempted to compromise your faith? How can you allow God to empower you to live beyond the fear that paralyzed Peter?*

#### **Wednesday, March 28: John 18:28-40 ... Jesus, Questioned**

Pilate asked Jesus, “Are you the king of the Jews?” Jesus said, “My kingdom doesn’t originate from this world... my kingdom isn’t from here... I was born and came into the world for this reason: to testify to the truth.” Pilate did not understand Jesus, and the religious leaders reviled Jesus for blasphemy. *What is your response to Jesus’ statement?*

#### **Thursday, March 29: John 19: 1-16 ... Jesus, Sentenced**

Pilate tries to find a politically correct way to free Jesus, a clearly innocent man, but Jesus’ opponents kept shouting, “Crucify him!” Under the political pressure, Pilate does not have the courage to grant justice for Jesus and hands him over to them to be crucified. Throughout the whole process

of sentencing, Jesus keeps silence. *How do you react when wrongly accused? Are you daily attuning your mind and heart to the voice of Jesus, so that you will have a strong inner sense of how he wishes you to respond?*

#### **Friday, March 30: John 19:17-30 ... Jesus, Crucified**

Dying on the cross, Jesus said, “It is completed.” God’s great saving work for humanity was completed. We call today Good Friday not because Jesus’ death on the cross was good, but because God’s transforming love brought eternal good out of the terrible death. *Meditate on God’s love on the cross of Jesus. The Chapel will be open for personal prayer and meditation between noon and 3:00 p.m. Attend the worship service at 7:30 p.m.*

#### **Saturday, March 31: John 19:31-42 ... Jesus, Buried**

Jesus dies on the cross, and his body is buried in accordance with Jewish burial custom. Imagine how his burial must have felt to his disciples and followers. It was a moment of a complete defeat. Evil won, and good lost. Death triumphed over life... *What have been your darkest times, moments when hope seemed all gone and despair prevailed? Are you facing a situation that feels like death? Remember that, for Christian believers, there is life beyond death. Tomorrow is Easter!*