

## Easter Study

As I prepare my heart to meditate on the events that were precursors to the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ, I would like to spend focused, unrushed time thinking in depth about what our Savior did out of love for us.

I know that often I read things but do not invest the time to really think about all the dynamics of what I am reading. My eyes see, but my mind does not comprehend. Sometimes I hear things and think, "Oh that sounds good." Try as I may to remember, I cannot. My ears have heard, but it has not made an imprint on my memory.

Christ should be our focus 365 days out of the year but we have set aside Resurrection Sunday (Easter) to concentrate our focus on the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Many years Easter comes and goes and there is no change in my spiritual life. I have decided, with God's help, I want to do something different this year and perhaps you would like to do it too.

There are three weeks until Easter. I want to choose a specific aspect each week to meditate upon, to focus, to study, and to ask God to make it very real in my life. I am not thinking of the whole Easter message, but a specific event or detail. I want to think about the individuals involved, their emotions, and their relationship with God. I want to learn so that the Resurrection message will be especially meaningful.

For the first week I will pick an event from the week prior to the crucifixion. It might be the triumphal entry, the last supper, the betrayal or the Garden of Gethsemane. You choose and spend all week focusing on the event you have chosen. Then next week choose an event from the crucifixion and the week before Easter choose an event from the resurrection. I trust that you will be blessed by this.