



March 22, 2026, Jesus Condemned

John 19:1-16a

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

God of love, in this season of Lent, we remember how you walked willingly into the arms of death on a cross. Help us to put our entire lives into your hands in complete surrender, trusting that you will carry us through whatever trials we face. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but the emperor. Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. (John 19:15-16)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Jesus is condemned to die by Pilate at the insistence of the crowd, who will have no king but the emperor.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- Tell of a time you were in a crowd when tension started to build. What is it that makes certain behaviors unacceptable when alone or in small groups, but more acceptable in large crowds? Did you keep your head when the crowd started to turn, or did you follow the crowd?
- For the littles: How does it feel when someone lets you down?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God guide your thoughts and actions. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Attend a protest and stand up for something you believe in. Keep your head, even if the crowd begins to turn.



Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the Narrative Lectionary daily readings.

Monday: *Praise for God's Help*, Psalm 146

Tuesday: *Holy Lord*, Isaiah 6:1-5

Wednesday: *Spirit of Justice*, Isaiah 28:5-6

Thursday: *King of Righteousness*, Isaiah 32:1-6

Friday: *Suffering Servant*, Isaiah 42:1-4

Saturday: *Branch of David*, Jeremiah 23:5-6