

October 6

Luke 23:50-56

These verses describe the burial of Jesus.

Question to Consider:

Joseph of Arimathea stepped out and did the right thing, lovingly tending to the body of Jesus. When was the last time that you acted in a loving way toward another person?

Prayer:

Father God, each day I have opportunities to act in a loving way toward someone else. Help me to recognize those opportunities, and to actively share the love of Jesus. In His name I pray, Amen.

October 7

Matthew 27:62-66

In this passage we read about attempts to make sure that the tomb of Jesus was secure.

Question to Consider:

The religious leaders were taking precautions against something that they feared – a claim that Jesus had been raised from the dead. Do you take precautions against things/events that you fear? Do you do that a lot?

Prayer:

Almighty God, I pray for wisdom. There are times when precautions are necessary and appropriate in order to protect myself. Sometimes, however, taking precautions is the result of excessive worry and can be evidence of a lack of faith. Please fill me with your wisdom and strengthen my faith. I pray in the name of Jesus, Amen.

October 8

Matthew 28:1-10

These verses tell of the resurrection of Jesus.

Question to Consider:

What does the empty tomb mean to you?

Prayer:

Merciful God, I give you thanks that the tomb was empty and that you raised Jesus from the dead. It is beyond my ability to fully understand, but I believe it on faith. Thank you for resurrecting Jesus and for giving me the promise of eternal life with you. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

October 9

Luke 24:13-35

This passage tells the story of Jesus encountering two believers while walking on the road to Emmaus.

Question to Consider:

After they realized who they had been with, the men said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" Has there been a time when your heart "burned within you" as you gained a new insight into your relationship with God?

Prayer:

Loving God, thank you for revealing yourself through Scripture and most of all through Jesus. I pray that my heart, mind, and spirit are always open to you and to the insights about life and faith that you provide. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

October 10

Luke 24:36-43

In these verses we read about Jesus appearing to most of the disciples (Thomas was not present).

Question to Consider:

Try to put yourself in this scene, in the room with the disciples when Jesus appeared. What would you think? What would you feel?

Prayer:

Almighty God, sometimes you do things that are hard to believe. Help me to always be open to the possibilities of life lived in relationship with you. I pray in the name of my resurrected Savior, Jesus. Amen.