

MAY 18, 2014
FIFTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER

Jesus is the way,
the truth and the life.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday. We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passages.

Sunday	John 14:1-14	Jesus is the way, truth and life
Monday	Proverbs 10:27-32	The way of the Lord
Tuesday	John 8:31-36	The truth will set you free
Wednesday	John 18:28-38	Jesus and Pilate speak of truth
Thursday	John 6:35-48	Jesus, the bread of life
Friday	1 John 5:10-12	Whoever has the Son has life
Saturday	Psalms 119:145-160	Preserve my life, O Lord
Sunday	John 14:15-21	The promise of the Holy Spirit

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6 (NIV)

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, please help us to walk in your way, hold to your truth, and live with your power. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord Jesus, thank you for the blessings of this day, for food to eat with spoon, fork and knife. May we have the faith to walk your way, full of your peace and truth and life. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May you know the truth of Jesus, walk the way of Jesus, and be filled with the life of Jesus. Amen. (John 14:6)

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CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Which people do you trust most? Why?
- Have you ever lost your way? Share your story.
- Jesus said, "I am the way." If we think of Jesus as a path, what or who is the destination?
- The early Christians were called followers of the Way (see Acts 9:2). How is your way of life different because of Jesus?

DEVOTIONS

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not let your hearts be troubled." As part of your home devotional time this week, share with one another what is troubling you. Read and discuss John 14:1-3. Pray for God's help and support.

SERVICE

Acts 7:55-60 describes how Stephen was killed because he believed in Jesus and followed the way of Jesus. There are many Christians across the world who are imprisoned or even killed because they follow Christ. Visit the website www.prisoneralert.com to learn about Christians who are in prison. Find out how you can write letters of encouragement to these people and advocate for their release. Pray for these people by name during this week.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The apostle Peter referred to Jesus as "God's chosen and precious cornerstone" and to Christians as "living stones," who are being built into a "spiritual house" (1 Peter 2:4-6). Make a stone sculpture out of river stones to display in your home altar area. Choose a large stone to represent Christ and paint or draw a cross upon it. Paint or write the names of each household member on a separate stone and glue these on top of your Christ stone. Discuss what it means for your household to be a "spiritual house" in which God dwells.



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