

# 25 DAYS OF JESUS



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## **December 1**

*Jesus' words are our foundation.*

Jesus said, "If you hold to My teaching, you are really My disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

John 8:31-32

Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.

Matthew 7:24-27

## **December 2**

*Jesus shows compassion.*

A man with leprosy came to Him and begged Him on his knees, "If You are willing, You can make me clean." Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out His hand and touched the man. "I am willing" He said. "Be clean!" Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cured.

Mark 1:40-42

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles...

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

### **December 3**

*Jesus brings peace.*

For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

John 14:27

### **December 4**

*Jesus calms our fears.*

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear...Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your Heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?

Matthew 6:25-27

Immediately He spoke to them and said, "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

Mark 6:50

## **December 5**

*Jesus models our prayer life.*

...He went up on a mountainside by Himself to pray.

Matthew 14:23

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where He prayed.

Mark 1:35

## **December 6**

*Jesus understands our suffering.*

Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around Him. They stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him, and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on His head. They put a staff in His right hand and knelt in front of Him and mocked Him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said. They spit on Him, and took the staff and struck Him on the head again and again. After they had mocked Him, they took off the robe and put His own clothes on Him. Then they led Him away to crucify Him.

Matthew 27:27-31

## **December 7**

*Jesus shows us how to be humble.*

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death - even death on a cross!

Philippians 2:6-8

## **December 8**

*Jesus shows us how to love.*

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength...Love your neighbor as yourself.

Mark 12:30-31

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.

1 John 3:16

## **December 9**

*Jesus teaches us how to treat those who have hurt us.*

But love your enemies, do good to them, without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High...Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Luke 6:35-36

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times."

Matthew 18:21-22

## **December 10**

*Jesus comforts us.*

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Matthew 5:4

In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.

John 16:33

**December 11**

*Jesus is our strength.*

I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.

Philippians 4:13

But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Matthew 19:26

**December 12**

*Jesus taught us how to pray.*

This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."

Matthew 6:9-13

### **December 13**

*Jesus knows how it feels to be tempted.*

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, where for forty days He was tempted by the devil.

Luke 4:1-2

### **December 14**

*Jesus desires God's will to be done.*

Going a little farther, He fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from Him. "Abba, Father," He said, "everything is possible for You. Take this cup from Me. Yet not what I will, but You will."

Mark 14: 35-36



**December 15**

*Jesus is our helper.*

So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid" ...Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

Hebrews 13:6,8

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

John 10:10

**December 16**

*Jesus understands our sorrow.*

They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to His disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took Peter, James and John along with Him, and He began to be deeply distressed and troubled. "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death."

Mark 14: 32-34

**December 17**

*Jesus provides rest.*

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.

Matthew 11:28-30

**December 18**

*Jesus rewards our faith.*

Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind Him and touched the edge of His cloak. She said to herself, "If I only touch His cloak, I will be healed." Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," He said, "your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed from that moment.

Matthew 9:20-22

**December 19**

*Jesus goes to God on our behalf.*

Whoever acknowledges Me before others, I will also acknowledge him before My Father in heaven.

Matthew 10:32

For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all men.

1 Timothy 2:5

**December 20**

*Jesus is willing to give us understanding and wisdom.*

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

Matthew 7:7

It is because of Him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God- that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.

1 Corinthians 1:30

## **December 21**

*Jesus forgives our sins.*

Jesus stepped into a boat, crossed over and came to His own town. Some men brought to Him a paralytic, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Take heart, son, your sins are forgiven."

Matthew 9:1-2

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace.

Ephesians 1:7

## **December 22**

*Jesus understands betrayal.*

...He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men."

Matthew 17:22

While He was still speaking a crowd came up, and the man who was called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss Him, but Jesus asked him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?" ...then seizing Him, they led Him away.

Luke 22:47-48, 54

**December 23**

*Jesus heals.*

...and the people all tried to touch Him, because power was coming from Him and healing them all.

Luke 6:19

He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed.

1 Peter 2:24

**December 24**

*Jesus becomes our light and makes us new.*

I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

John 8:12

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

2 Corinthians 5:17

## **December 25**

*Jesus is our everything.*

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth...He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together...

For God was pleased to have all the fullness dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things... by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross.

Colossians 1:15,17,19-20

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End...I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star.

Revelation 22:13, 16