



**FORTY-SEVEN
DAYS WITH
Jesus**

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An 8-Day Devotional to Accompany the Movie

INTRODUCTION

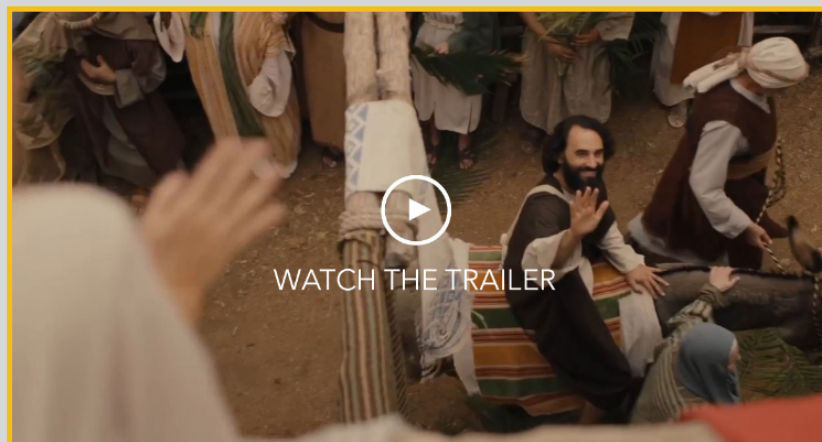
FORTY-SEVEN DAYS WITH JESUS is a heartwarming Easter tale centered on the Burdon family, led by Joseph and Juliana.

When the Burdons attend a reunion at Poppa and Nonna's ranch, they realize just how disconnected their family has become. Facing marital hiccups, teenage angst and Poppa's health hurdles, the adults decide to share Poppa's enchanting 'Forty-Seven Days' story with the kids, transporting us back in time to see the miracles of Jesus' final 47 days on Earth.

Featuring an unforgettable original soundtrack, FORTY-SEVEN DAYS WITH JESUS contains a powerful portrayal of Jesus' life that reminds us all of The Gospel's enduring impact.

This Devotional was created in partnership with **All Pro Pastors International** and whether you are going through this individually or as a family, we pray your understanding of our Savior's final days are deepened and your heart is touched by the depths of Christ's love for you.

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DAY 1

History (HIS Story) began before time began. The Bible teaches us that God is the Eternal Creator of the Universe (Genesis 1:1) and that events in time are the unfolding of His all-wise, sovereign, eternal plan.

“Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! ‘Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?’ ‘Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?’ For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen” (Romans 11:33-36, NIV).

Our daily desire should be to humbly put down our own desires and ask our Lord to use us and work in our lives. That is easy to say, but difficult to do in the depths of our hearts.

Prayer: “Lord, I humble myself before you as best I know how. Thank you for who you are and what you do for me. Please work in my life today. I desire that each action and reaction would be pleasing and honoring unto you. Give me your wisdom and guidance throughout my day.”

DAY 2

One of the darkest days in history occurred when Adam and Eve, our first parents, were living in a garden of paradise and were deceived by Satan, plunging the whole marvelous creation and all of its creatures under the terrible curse of sin. In that solemn hour when the blanket of death was drawn over the universe, God spoke a glorious and gracious message known as the protoevangelium, declaring the first prophetic promise: the judgment of Satan and the deliverance of mankind from the curse of sin through the coming of the seed of the woman (Genesis 3:15).

Centuries later, a child was born to a virgin woman in the village of Bethlehem. This child and His birth had been prophesied many times, as ... “prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:21b NIV; see also Luke 24:44). Yet the only people aware of this miraculous event were a small band of shepherds, who were informed by an angelic host as they guarded their sheep in the hills.



God sent His Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ because we needed a Savior, a Perfect Lamb. Ultimately, our lives must grasp who Jesus is and what He means to us. For additional insight and reflection, read Luke chapter 2.

Prayer: “Lord, help me to more fully understand why you needed to come to Earth and what that means to me not only for eternity, but also for everyday life. Thank you for the ultimate Christmas gift —your willingness to leave Heaven so that we can be reconciled to the Father.”

DAY 3

As the years moved on, this child grew into manhood, living in obscurity in the small village of Nazareth. Until ... Jesus went to see John the Baptist as he was preaching and baptizing in the Jordan River. After Jesus had been immersed in the water by John, there came "a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased'" (Matthew 3:17, NIV).

For the next three-and-a-half years, He lived in strict obedience to the Law of Moses, taught His followers, and performed many marvelous miracles. His doctrine, however, was not the same as the rigid, harsh teachings of the religious teachers of the day—the Pharisees and Sadducees. Jesus often spoke sharp, rebuking words to the religious leaders because of their hypocrisy and greed. Those public rebukes and Jesus' growing popularity among the people made Him an enemy of the religious leaders.



As we continue on in Jesus' story, we observe the love, sacrifice, and forgiveness He freely offers. Our true desire as Christians should be to live a life that reflects our Heavenly Father. We are His children, and He is our Heavenly Father. Each day as we look to draw closer in our walk with Christ, we understand we will not be popular with the world; but instead, we are called to be "salt and light" to those around us.

Prayer: "Lord, help me today to not just follow various religious teachings from man, but help me to follow you more closely. Give me a hunger and thirst to study your Word, the Bible."

DAY 4

The religious leaders continued to seek to catch Jesus in a snare to accuse him before the high priest and the political rulers. The tension became stronger with the passing of time, especially with the annual Passover feast nearing.

The observance of the Passover was a God-given commandment to the nation of Israel. It was a means of remembrance of their deliverance from Egyptian bondage. God's Law of the Passover is set forth in Exodus chapters 12 and 13, as well as in Leviticus and Numbers. The Passover lamb was separated from the flock on the 10th day of the first month of the Jewish religious year (Exodus 12:3). Then, it was to be slain on the evening of the fourteenth day (Exodus 12:6).

This history gives us background and understanding for Calvary. It is important to understand that Jesus Christ was the "perfect lamb of God" to be slain. There is a reason for the details we read in scripture. As we study various texts, we find God's promises and teachings are not only about living for Him, but also for worshiping Him.

Prayer: "Heavenly Father, please help me to better understand and grasp your Word as I study it daily so that I may know more about you and my need to worship you."

DAY 5

On the day Christ rode on the foal of a donkey to enter Jerusalem (a fulfillment of Zechariah 9:9; see Matthew 21:5), He entered the Temple area and observed the activities before returning to Bethany (see Mark 11:11). The next day, He drove the money changers out of the Temple area.

This would have infuriated the priests because it was a direct attack on their greedy extortion of the people. According to many Bible scholars, the priests would only allow Temple coins to be placed into the Temple treasury offering. The “money changers” who set up their shops in the Temple court area would take money from everyday people and exchange it for Temple coins that would then be placed into the Temple treasury. This was a racket operated by greedy men who charged a high fee for exchanging the money. The priests and religious leaders profited from this evil extortion of the people.

Prayer: “Lord, it is a shame how many people want to cheapen you—the God on High—and your Word. I know that you are Lord of all and Creator of all. I know your Word is Truth! Make it real to my heart every day and help me to honor you in all my ways.”

DAY 6

After He had been arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus was put on “trial,” appearing in front of Pilate, who offered the crowd the opportunity to release Jesus. Instead, they chose Barabbas (see Matthew 27:15-26). At the third hour of the day (9 a.m.), Christ was crucified (see Mark 15:25, 26). Then there was darkness from noon until 3 p.m. (see Matthew 27:45-59; Mark 15:33; Luke 23:44,45; John 19:1-37).

At the ninth hour (3 p.m.), Christ dismissed His spirit and died (see Matthew 27:50; Mark 15:34-37; Luke 23:46; John 19:28-30). The veil of the Temple was torn from top to the bottom and there was a great earthquake (see Matthew 27:51). The body of Christ was taken down from the cross and placed in the tomb just before sunset (see Matthew 27:57-60; Mark 15:42-47; Luke 22:56; John 19:38-42).



How they mistreated our Lord! They tormented Him mentally, beat Him to a point of being unrecognizable, and then crucified Him on a cruel cross and hung Him there until He died. Even though we see this prophesied throughout Scripture, it is still agonizing to read and study. Yet He did this with love for you and me. In spite of our sinfulness, He loves us (see John 3:16).

Prayer: “Oh God in Heaven, while it may be impossible for me to grasp every aspect of your crucifixion, help me to understand that you did it all for even me. Then help me Lord to live for you each day, sharing your love with others.”

DAY 7

Easter Sunday morning ...
The stone rolled away ...
The empty tomb ...
The heavenly messengers ...
"Go tell the disciples ..."
He's ALIVE!
Oh, Glorious Day!

Prayer: "Oh God on high, Lord I ask that you instill into me the joy of your resurrection day. May I live each day looking forward to your triumphal return. We need you, Lord Jesus!"

DAY 8

This then is the Good News to be preached in the whole world: Jesus Christ, the Eternal Son of God, came to Earth and took upon Himself the nature of a sinless man by the virgin birth that He might go to the cross and die for all that would ever trust Him as Savior. He came forth from the grave as proof that His death had accomplished the salvation of His people. He is alive today and lives forever more. This eternal life He gives to all who come to Him.

What will you do with this knowledge? We serve a risen Savior ... isn't it time to share that joyful truth with others?!

Prayer: "Lord, may your Word stir my soul to live a victorious life for you as I serve a risen Savior!"



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