

## 2015 EASTER DEVOTIONAL HANDOUT

### **BECAUSE OF HIM**

“It was unthinkable, impossible, unfathomable, unprecedented, a single act that changed history, possibility, destiny. He was a carpenter, a teacher, an outcast, a leader; yet He did what no carpenter, teacher, outcast, leader had ever done.

Like all who preceded Him, He lived and He died. But unlike all who preceded Him, He rose from the dead. He lived again. He lives and because He lives, you and she and he and they and we all will live again. Because of Him, death has no sting, the grave no victory.

We can start again and again and again. Because of Him guilt becomes peace, regret becomes relief, despair becomes hope. Because of Him, we have second chances, clean slates, new beginnings. There is no such thing as the end – BECAUSE OF HIM.”

“He was betrayed, denied, accused, rejected, bound, scourged, mocked, reviled, spit on, crucified, forsaken. He did His Father’s will, He atoned, healed, held His peace, forgave. He gave His life. In our hour of deepest sorrow, we can receive profound peace. From the words of the angel that first Easter morn, He is not here! He is Risen!”

### **HE IS RISEN – Scriptures Recording Christ’s Last Week**

Sunday Matt 21:7-11  
Monday Matt 21:12-15  
Tuesday Matt 21:23-46; 22-25, Parables  
Greatest Commandments  
Evenings In Bethany (with Mary and Martha) Matt 21:17  
Thursday John 13:1, 3-9, 34 Matt 26:20-22; 26-30  
Psalm 136 Matt 26:31-45 Mark 14:36  
Luke 22:42-44, 48, 61-62 Matt 26:56  
D&C 19:16-19 Mark 14:60-62 Ananias  
Friday Mark 15:3-5 John 19:17  
Matt 26:67-68; 27:26-44

### **Final Statements:**

Luke 23:34 Forgiving  
Luke 23:41-43 Comforting  
John 19:18 Physical Suffering  
John 19:26-27 Taking Care of Mother  
Matt 27:46 Forsaken, Gethsemane Returns  
Luke 23:46 Commends Spirit to Father  
John 19:30 It is Finished  
Sunday He is Risen Matt 28:1-8; John 20:1, 11-18; JSH 1:19

“How much there is incident to the death, burial, and resurrection of the Savior that ennobles and exalts faithful women. They wept at the cross, sought to care for His wounded and lifeless body and came to His tomb to weep and worship for their friend and Master. And so it is not strange that we find a woman, Mary, chosen and singled out from all the Disciples, even including the Apostles, to be the first mortal to see and bow in the presence of a resurrected being. Mary, who had been healed of much and loved much, saw the Risen Christ.” **Bruce R. McConkie.**