

Daily Verses

April 2012

April 1

Meekness, humility, and love.

Matthew 21:5 'Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your King comes unto you, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.'

It is with meekness, humility, and love that God's kingdom is established.
Jesus did not fight with the weapons of the world.
The admiration of the crowds faded when He stood alone;
but His love for His people never fades.
His followers become like Him.
They do not fight with anger, hatred, or pride;
love for the King is their only motivation.
When the admiration of the crowd fades away
their love for Christ still continues to increase;
humility leads them to worship;
and meekness leads them to serve.

April 2

Harvesting the wheat.

John 12:24 'Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abides alone: but if it die, it brings forth much fruit.'

Jesus did not seek to find the religious;
He came to seek those who were lost.
His death took away our sin;
His resurrected life brought forth a harvest of new life.
The presence of God does not dwell in buildings;
the life of Christ dwells in His people.
There is a harvest to be brought in;
a harvest of new life in Christ.
All who will receive Him are part of the harvest.
He does not send His people with a message of condemnation;
He sends us with the message of new life in Jesus.

April 3

The religious leaders envied Jesus.

Mark 15:10 'For he knew that the chief priests had delivered Him for envy.'

The religious leaders envied Jesus because He had wisdom they could not answer;
authority they could not control;

power they could not deny;
boldness they could not overcome;
and truth they could not silence.
He could draw the crowds with His teaching;
and was the defender of those who the religious leaders
regarded as unworthy of the grace of God.
He made disciples out of unlearned and ignorant men;
brought joy and gladness to those considered as outcasts of society;
and was not afraid to expose the hypocrisy
of those who used religion to promote themselves.

April 4

Sifting the wheat.

Luke 22:31 'And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat.'

The Lord will never allow us to be tested beyond our growth in Him.
The things we consider our strengths can be our greatest weaknesses.
It is only in the trial that the worthless things in our life
can be separated from the precious wheat of new life in Christ.
Our achievements are not the things the Lord treasures most.
He desires to see the beauty of His character formed in us.
Our failures can become our biggest stepping stones
because they allow the Lord to separate the chaff from the wheat in our life.

April 5

The will of the Father was the way of the Son.

Luke 22:42 '...not My will, but thine, be done.'

The gift of God in Jesus is beyond comprehension.
It was the Father's love that sent His Son.
It was the love of the Son for the Father that willingly obeyed.
The barrier of sin could be broken no other way.
In Gethsemane the will of the Father was the way of the Son.
He held back nothing so that we could be redeemed.
At Calvary the way of the cross became the path to life.
The grave could not hold Him.
He arose for us so that we in Him could be made completely new.
He ascended for us so that we can be seated with Him in heavenly places.
Jesus will return and all who belong to Him will be with Him forever.

He became...

He is the Son of God yet He became Man.
He is holy yet He became sin.

He is eternal life yet He died for us.
He is love yet He became the object of hate.
He is the Mighty God yet He hung in shame and disgrace.
He is peace yet the wrath of God came upon Him.
He is faithful yet He was forsaken.
He is our King; our Saviour; our Friend.
He is the Resurrection and the Life; death could not hold Him.
He is the sinless Son of God; sin could not condemn Him.
He is the great I AM; no power could overcome Him.
He is our Redeemer; our Lord; and our God.

April 6

It is finished.

John 19:30 'He said, It is finished:'

The price was paid;
the victory was won.
Jesus died to wipe away our sin.
The way into the presence of God was opened for us.
We are justified in Him;
made righteous in Him;
a new creation in Him.
It is Christ alone who saves;
Christ alone who justifies.
It is by faith in Christ alone we are righteous.

April 7

Buried with Christ; Risen with Christ.

Romans 6:5 'For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection:'

Our sin is crucified with Christ.
Our guilt and condemnation is buried with Christ.
We are made completely new in Him;
His life is within us;
His love fills us with joy;
when He returns we shall be like Him.

April 8

Did not dare to believe for joy.

Luke 24:41 '...while they still did not believe for joy, and wondered,'

The presence of the risen Jesus filled the disciples with ecstatic joy.

They did not dare to believe because His resurrection brought
victory out of defeat;
meaning out of confusion;
purpose out of despair;
and life out of death.
It is by our joy people see He lives in us.

April 9

The resurrected life of Christ dwells within His people.

Colossians 3:1 'If you then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sits on the right hand of God.'

The resurrected life of Christ dwells within His people.
If we do not have His life then we do not have His salvation.
The evidence that we are born again is holiness.
The death of Christ cannot be separated from His resurrection.
Christ died for our sin; He rose again so that we can be united with His life.
Holiness is not achieved; it is received freely in Christ.
Eternal life is union with Christ.
It means He is both Saviour and Lord.
There is no halfway house; salvation in Jesus Christ brings new life.
If we have His life then we must choose daily to let His life be seen in us.