

Lent Week 5: March 19-25

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Th Psalm 51:1-12
Isaiah 30:15-18
Hebrews 4:1-13

F Psalm 51:1-12
Exodus 30:1-10
Hebrews 4:14—5:4

Sa Psalm 51:1-12
Habakkuk 3:2-13
John 12:1-11

Su *Fifth Sunday in Lent*
Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16
Hebrews 5:5-10
Passage we'll be preaching on: John 12:20-33

M Psalm 119:9-16
Isaiah 43:8-13
2 Corinthians 3:4-11

Tu Psalm 119:9-16
Isaiah 44:1-8
Acts 2:14-24

W Psalm 119:9-16
Haggai 2:1-9, 20-23
John 12:34-50

For reflection:

Psalm 51 leads us to confession and forgiveness. Phrases like “create in me a clean heart” and “wash me and I will be whiter than snow” encourage us to stop hiding and covering up our brokenness. God’s promise to restore us is clear and true. This week, consider starting every day reflecting on these words and simply laying down your brokenness.

Isaiah 30:1-10 may have been written millennia ago, but its words still ring true. We too put our trust in things other than our heavenly Father. It may not be Egypt, but we also rely on things that seem more tangible — things we can touch and see and control.

What or who do you trust?
Are they things the Spirit has directed you to trust in? Do your plans line up with God’s? (verse 1). Take time this week to honestly evaluate where you place your trust.

We’ll spend time in John 12 this week — a chapter that begins with an extravagant (and risky) act of worship (verses 1-8). How might you worship Jesus this week with extravagance? Singing at the top of your lungs in the car? Giving away something significant? Sacrificially supporting someone in need?

