Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mary	Ruth	John	Joseph	Abraham
The Messiah's Mother (Luke 1:26-38)	What Are You Seeking?	Depending on God's Grace & Strength	The Man Caught Between Justice & The Crowd	Jesus' Sacrifice (Mark 15:16- 32)

The Sacrifice of Christ Mark 16:16-32

- "...He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." (Phil. 2:8)
- "...we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles." (1 Cor. 1:23)

The Ironies Jesus Endured

- Simon of Cyrene
 - Alexander & Rufus Not Named in Matthew or Luke
 - "Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord..." (Rom. 16:13)

•"I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting." (Isa. 50:6)

•"...and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha." (John 19:17)

 "They divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots." (Psalm 22:18)

• "...numbered with the transgressors." (Isaiah 53:12)

•"⁴²And he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' ⁴³And he said to him, 'Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'" (Luke 23:42-43)

- Why Jesus Suffered
 - "Hail, King of the Jews!" (vs. 18)
 - "...the King of Israel" (vs. 32)
 - "...scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires." (2 Peter 3:3)

Jesus' Example in Suffering (1 Peter 2:21-24)

"1Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."

Hebrews 12:1-2