

Lenten Studies at PRC - Practical Resources for Churches

W = available at our West Islip office

P = available at our Patchogue office

DVD Studies

24 Hours That Changed the World by Adam Hamilton - **W, P**

This seven session DVD study is based on the book in which the author guides us, step by step, through the last day of Jesus' life. Each DVD session averages ten minutes and has Hamilton visiting the sites where Jesus walked on his last day. A leader guide is included with the study. (Abingdon Press, 2009)

A Beautiful Friendship: A Lent Course Based on "Casablanca" - **P**

This five-session study is based on the classic film *Casablanca* and explores the themes of sacrifice, repentance, suffering, loss, and hope. Designed to be studied over the Lent period alongside the film, the book includes leaders' notes, timings for film clips, discussion-starters, reflections and prayers. (Darton, Longman & Todd Ltd, 2014) The *Casablanca* DVD is available from our Patchogue office.

Dateline Jerusalem - **W**

What if TV anchors had reported on Christ's every move? The eight segments of *Dateline Jerusalem* capture the result. A PDF study guide is included. (Vision Video, 2000)

The Easter Experience - **W**

This six-part DVD study brings the passion and resurrection of Jesus to life through dramatic storytelling and challenging teaching done in a highly cinematic style. (Thomas Nelson Publishers, 2009)

Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week by Amy-Jill Levine - **P**

In this six-session study, author, professor, and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine delves into the history and literature surrounding the last days of Jesus' life. Levine sets the narrative in historical context and analyzes the risks and motives of the story's characters. (Abingdon Press, 2018)

Final Words from the Cross by Adam Hamilton - **W, P**

This DVD study is based on the book which explores Jesus' final words as seen and heard through the eyes and ears of those who stood near the cross. A leader's guide is included. There are six sessions with an optional seventh session for Easter Sunday. (Abingdon Press, 2011)

Finding a Voice: A Lent Course Based On "The King's Speech" - P

This five-session study uses the movie *The King's Speech* as a discussion starter and relates it to what the Bible has to say about such universal issues as discouragement and determination, fear and friendship, calling and courage. (Darton, Longman and Todd Ltd., 2011)

The King's Speech DVD is available at our Patchogue office.

***Finding Jesus in the Psalms* by Barb Roose - P**

Combining an interpretation of the psalms with real life stories, this six-session study moves through the familiar words of Psalm 23 toward the painful cries of Psalm 22 uttered by Jesus on the cross. It includes reflections on the life of King David and the original context of the writings, along with connections between the psalms and the life and death of Jesus the Messiah. (Abingdon Press, 2022)

I Thirst: A Lenten Journey from Desert to Garden - W

This five-week study was created to help people heighten their appreciation of God's gift of water, God's living and acting within it, current water conditions on Earth, and how we can respond in faith. The DVD *Healing Earth* is a companion to this study and available in our Commack office. (Ecospirituality Resources)

The Last Days of Jesus - P

This six-session study consists of a participant book, DVD, and leader's guide. Each session is led by a different Bible scholar and emphasizes three components: historical and cultural background, a close look at the biblical text and its meaning, and an encouraging and challenging application of the Bible's message to life today. (Zondervan, 2009)

A Lenten Journey with Father Michael Himes - P

This DVD study has four segments: What Is Temptation Really? Danger and Desire; God Sees into the Heart; and Endless Possibilities. Each segment is between 17 and 21 minutes in length. A leader's guide is included. (Franciscan Communications)

***Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws* by Adam Hamilton - P**

This six-session study explores the life, teachings, death, and resurrection of Jesus as told in the Gospel of Luke. Through Luke's stories we find Jesus' care and compassion for all as he welcomes sinners and outcasts. (Abingdon Press, 2022)

***Making Sense of the Cross* by David J. Lose - W, P**

This six-part study invites participants to delve more deeply into the inexplicable mystery of the redemption of the cross. (Augsburg Fortress, 2011)

The Mission of Jesus: Triumph of God's Kingdom in a World in Chaos

by Ray VanderLaan - **P**

This five session DVD study was filmed on location in Israel and Italy. The sessions are Capernaum: Jesus Binds the Evil One, Decapolis: The Other Side -- Jesus and the Man from the Tombs, Crucifixion: The Coronation of a King, Ascension: The King Takes His Throne, and Pentecost: God Changed His Address. (Zondervan, 2016)

The Passion Play by Rob Fuquay - **P**

This six-week study takes you on a journey to the origins of the Passion Play and helps you understand how the play has been used both as a ritual of praise and later as a weapon through its anti-Semitic past. The book and study help readers and small groups feel a sense of connection to the play while recognizing their own place in the story of Jesus. (Abingdon Press, 2019)

The Path to the Cross by Ray VanderLann- **W**

This five-session study includes: 1. The Way of the Essenes - Filmed in Qumran, 2. The Way of John the Baptist - Filmed in Machaerus, 3. Into the Desert to Be Tested - Filmed in En Gedi, 4. The Last Passover - Filmed in Jerusalem, and 5. The Fifth Cup: Our Way of Hope. (Zondervan, 2010)

Renegade Gospel: The Rebel Jesus by Mike Slaughter - **W, P**

The six-session program includes these topics: Discovering the Rebel Jesus, Revolutionary Lifestyle, The Most Important Question You Will Ever Have to Answer, Seeing Jesus Today, The Way of the Cross, and Resurrection. (Abingdon Press, 2014)

Savior: What the Bible Says About the Cross by Magrey R. deVega - **P**

In this six-session DVD study, several biblically based ways of understanding Jesus' death on the cross that may go beyond the explanations you've heard before. (Abingdon Press, 2020)

Seven Words: Listening to Christ from the Cross by Susan Robb - **P**

This six-week DVD study looks at the seven last words of Christ on the cross through a lens that finds life and hope in his final sayings, while exploring each from a biblical and historical perspective. (Abingdon Press, 2020)

The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus by Adam Hamilton - **W, P**

Using historical information, archaeological data, and stories of the faith, Hamilton follows in the footsteps of Jesus from his baptism to the temptations to the heart of his ministry, including the people he loved, the parables he taught, the enemies he made, and the healing he brought. (Abingdon Press, 2012)

***What Wondrous Love: Holy Week in Word and Art* - W, P**

This DVD study features six commentaries by scholars plus six works of art by John August Swanson, each focused on a familiar Scripture passage. The accompanying study guide depicts the Swanson artwork from the DVD, along with thought-provoking questions. It can be done in one session or multiple sessions. 50 minutes. (Morehouse Publishing, 2012)

***Why Easter Matters?* by Andy Stanley - P**

This four-session study is about some of the people whose lives intersected with Jesus in the weeks leading up to the crucifixion. (Zondervan, 2019)

***Witness at the Cross: A Beginner's Guide to Good Friday* - P**

The six-session DVD study features Dr. Amy-Jill Levine guiding participants through the study which shows how the people at the cross each have distinct roles to play. (Abingdon Press, 2021)

Non-Video Studies

Book of Faith Lenten Journey: Beyond Question* by Eric Burtness - **W, P*

This seven-session study explores questions Jesus asked, which are not easy questions with easy answers. They are transformative questions that challenge us, reposition us, change us, and draw us into deeper faith and discipleship. (Augsburg Fortress, 2012)

Book of Faith Lenten Journey: Marks of the Christian* by David L. Miller - **P*

This study explores Romans 12 where the apostle Paul calls us to new life in Christ and identifies marks of the Christian life. (Augsburg Fortress, 2009)

Book of Faith Lenten Journey: Seven Wonders of the Word* by Kathryn A. Kleinhans - **P*

This is a forty-day journey exploring seven wonders of God's Word with daily Bible readings, reflections, and questions which can be used for personal or group study. (Augsburg Fortress, 2010)

Bread & Broth* by Cynthia Cowen - **W, P*

Six sessions are included in this study, along with suggestions for serving a different kind of soup and bread each week, as you study the lives of Jacob, Moses, Joshua, Elisha, John the Baptist, and Jesus. (CSS Publishing, 1996)

Bread of Life: Lenten Reflections for Individuals and Groups* by Barbara J. Essex - **W*

This book is written for laypersons in congregations who desire a practical resource based on sound biblical exegesis that is easy to understand. (United Church Press, 1998)

The Common People Heard Him Gladly* by James W. Moore - **P*

This seven-session study looks at what it was about Jesus that touched people so dramatically. (Abingdon Press, 2004)

The Critical Questions and More...* by Bill Thomas - **W*

This book contains three Bible studies for Lent with either six or seven sessions. (CSS Publishing, 2008)

The Cross Walk - A Lenten Study for Adults* by James W. Moore - **P*

This study has seven sessions and is an invitation to take a spiritual journey with Jesus. Each session focuses on a different Bible character. (Abingdon Press, 1999)

***Death of Jesus for Progressive Christians* by Donald Schmidt - P**

This five-session study looks at the crucifixion and the events which occurred in the week leading up to it, as well as the reasons why Jesus was put to death. (Wood Lake Books, 2019)

***Experiencing the Passion of Jesus* by Lee Strobel - W**

This study guide helps readers discuss the movie *The Passion of the Christ*. (Zondervan, 2004)

***Forgiveness: A Lenten Study* by Marjorie Thompson - W**

Lent, a time to reflect on our Christian journey, is an appropriate time to deepen our understanding and practice of forgiveness. This six-chapter book has a study guide at the back. (Westminster John Knox Press, 2014)

***He Set His Face to Jerusalem: A Lenten Study for Adults* by Richard Wilke - P**

This Lenten study explores Jesus' commitment to go to Jerusalem. It includes seven chapters, one for each week in Lent and one for Holy Week and Easter. (Abingdon Press, 2013)

***Hymns of Lent* by Paul Westermeyer - P**

This small group study focuses on five hymns of Lent. (Augsburg Fortress, 2003)

***Illuminating Lent* (Being Reformed study) - W**

This six-session study is an exploration of the Lord's Prayer. Each session examines a part of the prayer, its theological understandings, and what it means for Reformed Christians in practical ways during Lent. (PCUSA, 2013)

***Knowing God's Triune Story* by Michael Lindvall - W**

This study unlocks the Trinity from the church's abstractions by interpreting it as a shorthand symbol for the long narrative of God. (Witherspoon Press, 2010)

***Looking at the Cross* (Being Reformed Study) - W**

This six-session study explores New Testament themes associated with the cross such as forgiveness, reconciliation, and peace and offers ways the cross directly affects our faith and daily lives. (PCUSA, 2011)

***On The Road Again: A Faith Journey* by James W. Moore - P**

These seven sessions explore the significance of Jesus' experiences on the road people he met along the way. (Abingdon Press, 2006)

The Passion and Death of Jesus by John P. Gilbert - **W**

The author explores the last week of Jesus' life—his passion, death, and resurrection—looking at how the four Gospels reveal the Christ and God through this ultimate self-giving of Jesus. (Abingdon Press, 2000)

People of the Passion: A Lenten Weekly Study by Cathy Randall - **W**

This book explores our perceptions and knowledge of the main characters in Jesus' final days including Mary, Mary Madelene, Pilate, Nicodemus, Peter and Judas. (CSS Publishing, 2013)

The Road to Emmaus: Companions for the Journey through Lent by Helen Julian - **P**

This book has daily readings with eight companions from the past: Thomas Traherne, The Venerable Bede, Aelred of Rievaulx, Author of "The Cloud of Unknowing," John and Charles Wesley, John Donne, and Julian of Norwich. (Upper Room Books, 2006)

The Room Where It Happens: A Lenten Course Based on the Musical, "Hamilton" by Rose Hudson-Wilkin - **P**

This five-session study introduces discussion about what the Bible and the experience of Christian faith teach us about some of the big issues faced in the musical by Alexander Hamilton. (Darton Longman & Todd Ltd, 2022)

Sense and Sensibility: A Lenten Exploration by Sam Portaro - **W**

Portaro offers us a refreshing new approach to the season of Lent, one that recognizes our humanity in a way that honors the ascetic tradition without denying what we know in our bones to be true: that flesh and blood are holy. (Church Publishing, 2018)

Seven Days to Glory: Holy Week by Blair R. Monie - **W**

The last week of Jesus' life encompassed some of Christianity's most significant events. Based on the Gospel of Mark, this six-session study looks at each of these days to describe the importance of Jesus' actions at the time, and what they mean for Christian living today. (Congregational Ministries, 2011)

Seven Words to the Cross by J. Ellsworth Kalas - **P**

In this study, participants explore the response to the cross by those who were there at Calvary and all the rest of us down through the generations. This seven-session study is appropriate for both group and individual use. (Abingdon Press, 2002)

A Time to Grow: Lenten Lessons from the Garden to the Table by Kara Eidson – **P**

Themes of soil, water, light, time, fasting, feasting, and more guide the way from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. Readers will explore the intricacies of how faith is required to produce food and how that faith can lead us all to feast at the table on Easter morning. (Westminster John Knox Press, 2022)

We Are Beloved: A Lenten Journey with Protestant Prayer Beads by Kristen E. Vincent – **P**

This book is a series of Lenten devotional practices using Protestant prayer beads which can be used as a Lenten study. (Upper Room Books, 2019)

Were You There? Finding Ourselves at the Foot of the Cross by Erik Korbell – **W**

The author of this study shows us that in the Passion of Jesus we hear the story of one person but the echoes of many. (Westminster John Knox Press, 2005)

A World Worth Saving: Lenten Spiritual Practices for Action by George Donigian – **P**

This six-week study for Lent will help participants grow in their prayer life and respond with love and compassion exploring these themes: Fasting from Apathy; Serving God by Serving Others; Feeding Others and Starving Our Guilt; Seeking Justice; Healing the World; and Refining Friendship.