Lenten Studies at the Parish Resource Center Long Island East

**DVD Studies**

*24 Hours That Changed the World* by Adam Hamilton
This DVD study includes seven sessions plus an introduction and bonus clips. It 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)

*Dateline Jerusalem*
This study includes two videos and a leader guide. The eight fifteen-minute segments use a contemporary news report format to describe the events of Holy Week. (Vision Video, 2000)

*The Death and Resurrection of Jesus* by Marcus Borg
This two DVD set features Marcus Borg, much-read historian, sharing his understanding of the death and resurrection of Jesus and their meaning to the early church in this faith-stretching series. There are six sessions in this study which is directed to people for whom an older way of looking at the Christian faith no longer works. (Ecufilm)

*Death & Resurrection of the Messiah* by Ray Vander Laan
This 10 session DVD study covers Jesus’ death and resurrection as well as Pentecost by illuminating the historical, geographical, and cultural context of the scriptures. The accompanying Discovery Guide focuses on scripture explored in the DVD and includes sidebars, maps, photos, charts, and questions that facilitate discussion at group sessions. (Zondervan, 2009)

*The Easter Experience*
This six session DVD-driven study brings the passion and resurrection of Jesus to life through dramatic storytelling and challenging teaching done in a highly cinematic style. (Thomas Nelson, 2009)
The Path to the Cross by Ray VanderLann

Final Words from the Cross by Adam Hamilton
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 session with an optional seventh session for Easter Sunday. (Abingdon, 2011)

Hosanna: A Spiritual Journey Through Holy Week by Carol I. Miller
This five-session study invites participants to explore the main texts in all four Gospels and in Paul’s writings that deal specifically with the last week of Jesus’ life and with the resurrection. There is a leader’s guide and a DVD that features "Background from the Author" to use with your study group. (Kerygma, 2006)

The Last Days of Jesus
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, an engaging, close look at the biblical text and its meaning, and an accurate, encouraging, and challenging application of the Bible's message to life today. (Zondervan, 2009)

A Lenten Journey with Father Michael Himes
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)
Renegade Gospel: The Rebel Jesus by Mike Slaughter
Renegade Gospel challenges believers to come to terms with the real Jesus—the rebel Jesus. 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, 2014)

The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus by Adam Hamilton
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, 2012)

The Way of the Cross: Stations on Our Journey of Faith
This program offers four different approaches to the traditional Catholic Lenten observance of the Stations of the Cross: spirituality, social justice, history and a video meditation on the stations. The story segment tells of a priest who traveled on foot to each of the Franciscan missions in California. The witness segment features a TV-news-style report; the teaching segment traces the history of the Way of the Cross. A leader’s guide is included.

What Wondrous Love: Holy Week in Word and Art
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, to spark fresh insights into the Bible story. 50 minutes. (Morehouse Publishing, 2012)

VHS Studies

Dateline Jerusalem
This study includes two videos and a leader guide. The eight fifteen-minute segments use a contemporary news report format to describe the events of Holy Week. (Vision Video, 2000)
It Is Finished: The Death & Rising of Jesus
Dennis Dewey’s dynamic video storytelling version of the passion and resurrection shot at various locations is evocative of the story's themes. This educational resource is for pre-teen to adults and includes a four-page study guide. (Ecufilm, 1997)
Non Video Studies

- **Book of Faith Lenten Journey: Beyond Question**
  This transformative journey through Lent takes you throughout the Gospels, where Jesus uses questions to change the lives and deepen the discipleship of those who follow him. (Augsburg Fortress, 2012)

- **Book of Faith Lenten Journey: Marks of the Christian**
  This 40-day journey 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**
  This book 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**
  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. (C.S.S. Publishing, 1996)

- **Chocolate for Lent: A Creative Approach to Your Lenten Journey by Hilary Brand**
  This study has five sessions using themes from the movie Chocolat and includes material for individual reflection as well as a complete guide for group leaders. (Pauline Books and Media, 2002)

- **The Common People Heard Him Gladly by James W. Moore**
  This seven session study looks at what it was about Jesus that touched people so dramatically. (Abingdon Press, 2004)

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

- **Encounters On the Road to the Cross by Robert Walker**
  This study with seven sessions contains first person narratives of characters whose lives intersected with Jesus' ministry. (Abingdon Press, 1998)
- *Experiencing the Passion of Jesus* by Lee Strobel
  This is a six session study which focuses on questions related to Jesus’ crucifixion and resurrection. (Zondervan, 2004)

- *Following at a Distance* by Kimberly Dunnam Reisman
  This seven session study is appropriate for both group and individual use. The author encourages participants to follow Jesus, not at a distance, but by his side. (Abingdon Press, 2005)

- *From Sacrifice to Celebration: A Lenten Journey* by Evan Drake Howard
  The seven sessions of this study are each based on a gospel text about a biblical character’s journey from boredom to bonding. It includes prayers and discussion questions. (Judson Press, 1993)

- *Hymns of Lent* by Paul Westermeyer
  This small group study focuses on five hymns of Lent. (Augsburg Fortress, 2003)

- *Illuminating Lent* (Being Reformed study)
  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)

- *Journey to the Cross - Lenten Reflections for Individuals and Groups* by Myra B. Nagel
  This book has seven chapters with a guide for group study. (United Church Press, 1996)

- *The Last Week: What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus’s Final Days in Jerusalem* by Marcus J. Borg and Dominic Crossan
  Using the gospel of Mark as their guide, Borg and Crossan present a day-by-day account of Jesus's final week of life. A reading and discussion guide is included in the book. (HarperOne, 2007)

- *A Lenten Journey - Travels in the Spiritual Life Based on the Gospel of Mark* by Larry R. Kalajainen
  This book includes daily meditations and spiritual exercises with suggestions for group use. (The Upper Room, 1990)

- *Let This Cup Pass From Me* by Charles T. Rush, Jr.
  This book has nine chapters with Lenten reflections for individuals and groups. (Pilgrim Press, 2000)
• **Living with the Mind of Christ** by James A. Harnish  
  In this study, the seven sessions have scripture references, a brief reflection, questions for discussion or reflection, a brief prayer, and a focus for the coming week. (Abingdon Press, 2005)

• **Looking at the Cross (Being Reformed Study)**  
  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)

• **Making Sense of the Cross** by David J. Lose  
  This six-part study invites participants to delve more deeply into the inexplicable mystery of the redemption of the cross. (Augsburg, 2011)

• **On The Road Again A Faith Journey** by James W. Moore  
  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 Gilbert  
  This study has seven sessions which provide clarity to the most difficult period of Jesus’ life – Holy Week. (Abingdon Press, 2000)

• **Preparing My Heart for Easter: A Woman’s Journey to the Cross and Beyond** by Ann Stewart  
  This eight week study for women focuses on women who followed Jesus during his life and death. (AmG Publishers, 2006)

• **Ride on Jesus** by Tamara E. Lewis  
  This five session study examines African American Spirituals. (Abingdon Press, 2004)

• **The Road to Emmaus: Companions for the Journey through Lent** by Helen Julian  
  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. It is suitable for individual or group study. (Upper Room Books, 2006)

• **The Seven Last Words of Christ** by Judith Mattison  
  This seven session study focuses each week on one of the last statements of Jesus. There are meditations with discussion questions for each session. (Augsburg Fortress, 1992)
Seven Words to the Cross by J. Ellsworth Kalas
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 Trail of Tears by Robert C. Bankhead
This study has seven lessons that trace the events of Jesus’ final journey into Jerusalem and toward crucifixion using texts from the three synoptic gospels. (C.S.S. Publishing, 2001)

Uphill Faith: The Passion Story by Bill Hybels
This study has six sessions based on the last hours of Jesus’ life.

The Way of the Cross by John Hargis
This seven lesson study is based on the RCL, Year C. (Abingdon Press, 2003)

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