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## THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

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*Daily Devotion at Zion + April 2023 AD + **Season of Easter***

### **What Gets Told Everywhere?**

Jesus reclines at table with several notable locals, and as He eats, a woman enters the room (not an uncommon occurrence at that time, when even “private” homes were more public) and breaks a jar of ointment over His head. The other guests are aghast, but what does Jesus say?

“Truly, I tell you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her.” (Matthew 26:13)

Consider! Besides the Gospel, the only other thing that gets told everywhere, by Christ’s own decree, is an act of devotion! Our Lord did not come to be observed, studied like a marine specimen, or enshrined in our brains as a mere thought. He came as a Savior to be trusted, heard, received, adored, kept, and shared. He came to fill the devotion of our heart, mind, body, and soul with His own saving presence and power.

As we give thanks for the resurrection of our Lord and continue to walk and live in His light, it’s good to remember that daily devotion to Him is no small, incidental thing, a nice hobby for those who enjoy it. It’s so dear to God’s heart, He has ordained that an example of devotion accompany His Gospel wherever it is proclaimed. With a Lord so happy and eager to receive our attention, why would we not shower it on Him?

### **About the Cover Art**

In this modern adaptation of Christ’s anointing, a woman pours the expensive balm over a slightly doughy Jesus as He looks at the viewer and, with one hand resting on the woman anointing Him, beckons us with His other hand. By setting this Biblical scene in a mid-century American home, the artist, Donald Krause, affirms that it is our story, too, and that the One thus anointed is our living Lord, in our time and place. He beckons each of us to join joyfully in the woman’s devotion and faith.

### Daily Readings for Holy Week (April 2)

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| <b>S</b> Zechariah 9:9-12<br>1 Timothy 6:12-16<br>Matthew 21:12-17           | <b>Th</b> Jeremiah 20:7-18<br>1 Corinthians 10:14-17;<br>11:27-32<br>John 17:1-26                     |
| <b>M</b> Jeremiah 11:18-20;<br>12:1-17<br>Philippians 3:1-14<br>John 12:9-19 | <b>F</b> 1 Peter 1:10-20<br>John 13:36-38   |
| <b>T</b> Jeremiah 15:10-21<br>Philippians 3:15-21<br>John 12:20-26           | <b>Sa</b> Job 19:21-27a<br>Hebrews 4:1-16<br>Romans 8:1-11  |
| <b>W</b> Jeremiah 17:5-10, 14-18<br>Philippians 4:1-13<br>John 12:27-36      | <i>These readings correspond<br/>to pages 943—973 in Vol-<br/>ume I of <u>For All the Saints</u>.</i> |

### Daily Readings for the Week of Easter 1 (April 9)

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| <b>S</b> Exodus 12:1-14<br>Isaiah 51:9-11<br>Luke 24:13-35 | <b>Th</b> Ezekiel 37:1-14<br>Acts 3:11-26<br>John 15:12-27   |
| <b>M</b> Jonah 2:1-10<br>Acts 2:14, 22-32<br>John 14:1-14  | <b>F</b> Daniel 12:1-4, 13<br>Acts 4:1-12<br>John 16:1-15  |
| <b>T</b> Isaiah 30:18-26<br>Acts 2:36-47<br>John 14:15-31  | <b>Sa</b> Isaiah 25:1-9<br>Acts 4:13-31<br>John 16:16-33   |
| <b>W</b> Micah 7:7-15<br>Acts 3:1-10<br>John 15:1-11       | <i>These readings correspond<br/>to pages 977—1012 in Vol-<br/>ume I of <u>For All the Saints</u>.</i> |

### Daily Readings for the Week of Easter 2 (April 16)

<b>S</b> Isaiah 43:8-13 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-7	<b>Th</b> Daniel 2:31-49 1 John 2:18-29 Luke 3:1-14
<b>M</b> Daniel 1:1-21 1 John 1:1-10 John 17:1-11	<b>F</b> Daniel 3:1-18 1 John 3:1-10 Luke 3:15-22
<b>T</b> Daniel 2:1-16 1 John 2:1-11 John 17:12-19	<b>Sa</b> Daniel 3:19-30 1 John 3:11-18 Luke 4:1-13
<b>W</b> Daniel 2:17-30 1 John 2:12-17 John 17:20-26	<i>These readings correspond to pages 1012—1043 in Volume I of <u>For All the Saints</u>.</i>

### Daily Readings for the Week of Easter 3 (April 23)

<b>S</b> Daniel 4:1-18 1 Peter 4:7-11 John 21:15-25	<b>Th</b> Daniel 5:13-30 1 John 5:13-21 Luke 5:1-11
<b>M</b> Daniel 4:19-27 1 John 3:19—4:6 Luke 4:14-30	<b>F</b> Daniel 6:1-15 2 John 1-13 Luke 5:12-26
<b>T</b> Daniel 4:28-37 1 John 4:7-21 Luke 4:31-37	<b>Sa</b> Daniel 6:16-28 3 John 1-15 Luke 5:27-39
<b>W</b> Daniel 5:1-12 1 John 5:1-12 Luke 4:38-44	<i>These readings correspond to pages 1044—1074 in Volume I of <u>For All the Saints</u>.</i>