

# JOURNEY WITH JESUS

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SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2025 - DAY 29

## Returning to Jerusalem

Suggested Bible Reading: Ephesians 6:19-20

Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

### Prayer

*By Harold Caicedo, a pastor in Fontana, California; president of Consejo Latino of the CRCNA; and a member of the leadership of Classis California South.*

Father in heaven,

I come before your throne with reverence, remembering Paul's words to the Ephesians. Like him, I ask for divine empowerment for all who proclaim your truth today. As Paul requested prayer "that words may be given to me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel," I lift up the messengers of your Word.

Lord, place your words in their mouths. When they stand to speak, may they not rely on human wisdom but on the power of your Spirit. Grant them supernatural boldness—not a brash or arrogant spirit but holy courage that can come only from you. Help them to speak clearly, compassionately, and without compromise.

Paul described himself as an "ambassador in chains." Many of your servants today face their own chains—whether literal imprisonment in hostile nations or the chains of social pressure, fear, or inadequacy. Remind them that they represent the King of kings and that their authority comes not from their position but from the message they carry.

Like Paul, help them to speak boldly and fearlessly, “as [they] should.” Not with timidity or apology but with the firm conviction that the gospel is still “the power of God that brings salvation” (Rom. 1:16).


Finally, I pray for those who hear. Open hearts to receive this mystery that was hidden for ages but is now revealed in Christ Jesus.

For the glory of your name and the advancement of your kingdom,

Amen.

## Questions for Reflection and/or Conversation

- Where in your life do you tend to rely on your own strength instead of the power of the Holy Spirit?
- How does the truth that we belong to the King of kings give us boldness to speak the gospel?



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MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025 - DAY 30

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Suggested Bible Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:1

As for other matters, brothers and sisters, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you.

### Prayer

*By Zach Bosman, who is eight years old and enjoys reading, playing games, doing techy stuff, going to karaté, and hanging out with friends, family, and pets.*

Dear God, help your amazing Word to spread even just to someone across the street.

Thank you for forgiving my sins and dying on the cross for me. Remind me that I am a human and that you are God and that you will protect us against Satan and his servants. Thank you for your wonderful creation, and thank you for creating me. Remind us to love our enemies so that our enemies can become our friends.


Remind us to be our brother's keeper. We're sorry for everything wrong that we've done.

Help us to find our purpose in life, whether as a missionary, a pastor, a Christian book writer, or anything else we could do to serve you. We pray that at synod your will may be done. Thank you for all you've done. Help us every day as we learn more and more about you. We want to go to heaven and meet you. We pray that anyone sick or injured can be healed, or that they can go to heaven and meet you, depending on your will—because not a sparrow can fall from the sky without your will.

Please keep sin away from us and forgive us when we do sin. Help people to spread the gospel even more. Thank you for protecting us and giving us the essentials we need. In Jesus' name, Amen.

# Questions for Reflection and/or Conversation

- Do I pray in expectation that God's message will be spread?
- How is God calling me to join in the work of spreading his message?



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TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2025 - DAY 31

## Returning to Jerusalem

Suggested Bible Reading: 1 Peter 3:15

In your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect. . . .

### Prayer

*By Ken Wagner, who shares, "I accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior at age 49 in 1984. I joined the CRC (Horizon Community Church, Downers Grove, Illinois) in 2012 and have served as an elder."*

Father in heaven,

We acknowledge your Son, Jesus, as Lord.

By his example we know how to behave in all matters of life and ministry. May we reflect the attitude of Christ as we engage one with another in discussion of important issues. Help us to proceed with gentleness and respect as we work together toward making decisions for this ministry, to your praise and glory.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

# Questions for Reflection and/or Conversation

- How does my life reflect the source of my hope: the love, lordship, and resurrection life of Jesus?
- What practices or reminders can I adopt to help me grow in gentleness and respect—especially toward people I see as a threat?

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2025 - DAY 32

## Clothed with Power

### Introduction

Jesus opened the minds of his followers gathered in the room so that they could understand the Scriptures. In a new way they recognized that God has been at work since the beginning of history (his story). But the story isn't done. Repentance for the forgiveness of sins is to be preached. And Jesus promises to the disciples gathered in that room that they will go out, not in their own power, but "clothed with power from on high" (Luke 24:49).

We go out into the world, as individuals, as churches, and as a denomination, "clothed with power from on high." The Holy Spirit's indwelling gives us what we need for the work we are called to do. Ministry, working in our communities, transforming lives, preaching repentance for the forgiveness of sins, cannot be done in our own strength, with our own plans, or by our own agendas, but only through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, who is at work within and through us.

### Suggested Bible Reading:

(Indonesian) Luke 24:37-39

Mereka terkejut dan takut dan menyangka bahwa mereka melihat hantu. Akan tetapi Ia berkata kepada mereka: "Mengapa kamu terkejut dan apa sebabnya timbul keragu-raguan di dalam hati kamu? Lihatlah tangan-Ku dan kaki-Ku: Aku sendirilah ini; rabalah Aku dan lihatlah, karena hantu tidak ada daging dan tulangnya, seperti yang kamu lihat ada pada-Ku." Sambil berkata demikian, Ia memperlihatkan tangan dan kaki-Nya kepada mereka.: Dan ketika mereka belum percaya karena girangnya dan masih heran, berkatalah Ia kepada mereka: "Adakah padamu makanan di sini?" Lalu mereka memberikan kepada-Nya sepotong ikan goreng. Ia mengambilnya dan memakannya di depan mata mereka.

Ia berkata kepada mereka: “Inilah perkataan-Ku, yang telah Kukatakan kepadamu ketika Aku masih bersama-sama dengan kamu, yakni bahwa harus digenapi semua yang ada tertulis tentang Aku dalam kitab Taurat Musa dan kitab nabi-nabi dan kitab Mazmur. “Lalu Ia membuka pikiran mereka, sehingga mereka mengerti Kitab Suci. Kata-Nya kepada mereka: “Ada tertulis demikian: Mesias harus menderita I dan bangkit dari antara orang mati pada hari yang ketiga, dan lagi: dalam nama-Nya berita tentang pertobatan dan pengampunan dosa harus disampaikan kepada segala bangsa, mulai dari Yerusalem. Kamu adalah saksi dari semuanya ini. Dan Aku akan mengirim kepadamu apa yang dijanjikan Bapa-Ku. Tetapi kamu harus tinggal di dalam kota ini sampai kamu diperlengkapi dengan kekuasaan dari tempat tinggi.”

Luke 24:37-49

They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence.

He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

## Doa (Prayer)

*Oleh Deibi Lopian Kapojos yang berbagi, “Saya tinggal di Rochester, New Hampshire bekerja untuk Resonate Global Mission sebagai Koordinator untuk partner International dari Global Coffee Break Juga adalah leader untuk Women of South East Asian and Pacific Islanders in CRC.”*

Bapa Surgawi,

Kami datang ke hadapan-Mu dengan hati yang penuh syukur, mencari kehadiran-Mu di antara kami. Seperti murid-murid yang terkejut dan ragu-ragu, kami kadang-

kadang merasa gelisah atau bingung sebagai pemimpin. Tenangkan ketakutan kami dan bukalah pikiran kami untuk menerima kebenaran-Mu, karena tanpa itu, kami akan tersesat dan bingung.

Bantulah kami untuk melihat tangan-Mu bekerja dalam kehidupan kami dan di dunia di sekitar kami. Berikan kami keberanian untuk menjadi saksi kasih dan anugerah-Mu, menyebarkan pesan pertobatan dan pengampunan kepada semua orang. Kuatkan kami dengan kuasa yang telah Engkau janjikan, agar kami dapat memimpin dengan kebijaksanaan dan persatuan, dipandu oleh Roh Kudus-Mu. Bantulah kami untuk melihat apa yang Engkau lihat, bantulah kami menyerahkan kehendak dan keinginan kami untuk tujuan dan kemuliaan-Mu.

Ketika umat-Mu berkumpul dan membuat rencana, berkatilah semua diskusi dan keputusan kami. Semoga kami menemukan sukacita dan damai sejahtera dalam pemenuhan janji-janji-Mu, dan semoga kami dilengkapi dengan kuasa-Mu dari yang tinggi untuk melayani orang lain dengan setia, baik di sini di rumah maupun di luar sana.

Kami bersyukur kepada-Mu untuk Anak-Mu, Yesus, yang telah bangkit dan masih berjalan bersama kami. Jadilah bersama kami sekarang dan selamanya.

Amin.

## Prayer

*By Deibi Lapijan Kapojos, who shares, "I live in Rochester, New Hampshire, and work for Resonate Global Mission as coordinator for international partners of Global Coffee Break and as leader for Women of South East Asian and Pacific Islanders in the CRC."*

Heavenly Father,

We come before you with grateful hearts, seeking your presence among us. Like the disciples who were startled and doubtful, we sometimes feel troubled or uncertain as leaders. Calm our fears and open our minds to your truth because without it, we are lost and confused.

Help us to see your hands at work in our lives and in the world around us. Give us the courage to be witnesses of your love and grace, sharing the message of repentance and forgiveness with all people. Strengthen us with the power you promised, that we may lead with wisdom and unity, guided by your Holy Spirit. Help us to see what you see; help us to submit our will and desire for your purpose and your glory.


As your people will gather and make plans, bless all discussions and decisions. May we find hope and peace in your fulfillment of your promises, and may we be clothed with your power from on high to serve others faithfully here at home and beyond.

We thank you for your Son, Jesus, who rose and who walks with us still. Be with us now and always.

Amen.

## Questions for reflection and/or conversation:

- Bagaimana saya dapat mengatasi keraguan dan ketakutan untuk mengenali dan menerapkan ajaran Yesus melalui ketaatan kita sebagai pemimpin dan sebagai jemaat?
- Dengan cara apa kita dapat lebih memahami dan membagikan pesan pertobatan dan pengampunan, sebagaimana yang Yesus perintahkan kepada para pengikut-Nya untuk dilakukan bagi semua bangsa?
- How can we overcome our doubts and fears to recognize and to apply Jesus' teaching through our obedience as leaders and as the church?
- In what ways can we better understand and share the message of repentance and forgiveness, as Jesus instructed his disciples to do for all nations?



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THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2025 - DAY 33

## Clothed with Power

Suggested Bible Reading: Ezekiel 36:26

"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh."

### Prayer

*By Christine Dykstra, who serves as content coordinator for Global Coffee Break and as a Coffee Break Bible study leader in her church.*

Dear Lord,

Thank you for the promises you have given us throughout your Word, promises we can trust as we come together to serve you during this upcoming synod.

Thank you for the promise to your people, made through the prophet Ezekiel, to give us new hearts. We thank you for fulfilling that promise through the work of Christ. Thank you, Lord, for doing for us what we could not do for ourselves.

Help us to remember that you have removed our hearts of stone and replaced them with hearts of flesh so that we can be your people. When we grow tired or begin to forget your promises, strengthen us in the knowledge that just as you rebuilt the ruins of Israel long ago, so also you will use the challenges our denomination has faced to rebuild us into the people you have set us apart to be.

Guide especially our delegates and our leaders. May they serve as one body of believers fully committed to the tasks before them. Help us all, always, to remember who it is that we serve.

May your will be accomplished within the work done during synod as well as the work leading up to it. Help us to serve and honor you in this synod and in all that you have set out for us to do. May what we do as your church bring only glory to you.

It is in Christ's name that we pray.

Amen.

## Questions for Reflection and/or Conversation

- In what ways do you need a new, transformed heart and attitude in your life today?
- How does the truth that you serve Jesus change your perspective on how you can honor and serve God in your daily life?

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FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2025 - DAY 34

## Clothed with Power

Suggested Bible Reading:

(Korean) 요엘 2:28-29

“그 후에 내가 성령을 모든 사람에게 부어 주겠다. 너희 자녀들은 예언할 것이며 너희 노인들은 꿈을 꾸고 너희 청년들은 환상을 볼 것이다.

그 때에 내가 또 나의 남녀 종들에게 성령을 부어 줄 것이며.”

Joel 2:28-29

“And afterward,  
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.  
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,  
your old men will dream dreams,  
your young men will see visions.  
Even on my servants, both men and women,  
I will pour out my Spirit in those days.”

## 기도 (Prayer)

안녕하세요. 저는 CRC 허드슨 노회에 속한 글로벌 비전교회를 섬기고 있는 김은범 목사입니다. 현재 KMA (CRC Korean Ministry Association) 대표로 섬기고 있으며, 날마다 하나님과 동행하는 삶을 최고의 목표로 삼고 살아가고 있습니다.

사랑하는 아버지,

진리의 영이신 주님의 이름을 높여 드립니다.  
2025년 총회를 허락하신 분이 성령님이시며, 총회를 진리 가운데 인도하실 분도 성령님이심을 믿습니다.

주님께서 모든 세대에게 부어주겠다고 약속하신 늦은비 성령의 충만함이 이번 총회에 참석하는 모든 총대들에게 임하게 하옵소서.

우리 CRC 교단이 마지막 때에 증인의 사명을 온전히 감당할 수 있도록 각 교회 위에 성령을 부어주시되,  
자녀들에게는 시대를 분별하는 예언의 영을, 청년들에게는 내일을 꿈꾸는 환상을, 장년과  
어른 세대에게는 하늘의 꿈을 허락하소서.

하나님, 성령은 일치의 영이시니, 분열의 영이 교단 안에 틈타지 못하게 하시고,  
각 노회와 교회들이 사랑과 화평 가운데 연합하게 하옵소서.

주님, 우리의 심령과 교회에는 부흥이 필요합니다.  
허락하신 부흥의 영을 CRC 산하 모든 교회 위에 충만히 부어주시사,  
불신자들이 매주 구원받는 역사와 성령의 놀라운 역동이 끊임없이 일어나게 하옵소서.

존귀하신 예수 그리스도의 이름으로 기도드립니다. 아멘.

## Prayer

*By Eunbeom Kim, who shares, "Hello, my name is Pastor Eunbeom Kim, and I serve Global Vision Church, which belongs to Classis Hudson of the CRC. Currently I am also serving as the representative of the KMA (CRC Korean Ministry Association). My greatest life goal is to walk with God every day."*

Dear heavenly Father,

We exalt your holy name, for you are the Spirit of truth.

We believe that it is the Holy Spirit who has granted us Synod 2025, and it is the Holy Spirit who will guide us in truth throughout this gathering.

Lord, we pray that the Holy Spirit, which you have promised to pour out upon all generations, may be abundantly poured out upon every delegate attending this synod. May every decision made be led by the inspiration and conviction of the Holy Spirit, and may we be united as one in him.

Grant that the CRC churches may faithfully fulfill their calling as witnesses in these last days. Pour out your Spirit upon each congregation,  
that our children may receive the spirit of prophecy to discern the times,  
our young people may be given visions to dream of the future,  
and our elders may be filled with heavenly dreams and wisdom.

Lord, as the Spirit brings unity, let no spirit of division infiltrate our denomination. May love and peace govern every classis and congregation so that we may stand together in harmony.


Father, we are in desperate need of revival.  
Pour out the Spirit of revival upon every church in the CRC,  
that each week we may witness the miraculous salvation of unbelievers and the transformative power of the Holy Spirit.

We pray all these things in the precious name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

## Questions for Reflection and/or Conversation

- How can I be an instrument of God's peace in my congregation and in my classis?
- Do I pray for revival, believing it is possible?



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SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2025 - DAY 35

## Clothed with Power

**Suggested Bible Reading:** Zechariah 4:6

So he said to me, "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the Lord Almighty."

### Prayer

*By Bob McGowan, who shares, "I have been a student of Friendship Bible Hour for over 35 years, and I am a student of the Word of God. My aim is to know God better and to make him better known."*

Father God, we come to you in Jesus' name, and we are careful to give you all the praise, for you alone are worthy.

We are here, Lord, to seek your direction regarding this your church. We want to know from you what you want, because our plans would surely fail.

We acknowledge you as our wisdom provider. You are Jehovah Jireh, our provider.

We thank you in faith, knowing that you have everything we stand in need of.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

# Questions for Reflection and/or Conversation

- In what situations am I tempted to derive power from earthly strategies (e.g., deceit, exaggeration, hostile words, aggressive actions)?
- Am I in the habit of asking God for his Spirit, and do I trust the Holy Spirit to provide whatever power I need?