

# Echoes of Calvary



Weekly Newsletter - 15 | 19<sup>th</sup> Apr - 25<sup>th</sup> Apr '2026

## Dear family in Christ,

Grace and peace to you as we enter the **Third Week of Easter**. As the joy of the resurrection continues, this week invites us to move beyond simply knowing that Jesus is risen—to recognizing His presence in our everyday lives.

The risen Christ often meets us in unexpected places: in ordinary moments, quiet conversations, and even in our confusion. Easter is not only about a past event—it is about a present reality. Jesus is alive, and He walks with us.

## Scripture of the Week

“Were not our hearts burning within us while He talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?” — Luke 24:32

## This Week's Practice: Recognizing the Risen Christ

### **Lifestyle of Jesus: A Life that Walks with Us**

After the resurrection, two disciples walked along the road to Emmaus, filled with disappointment and uncertainty. Though Jesus came alongside them, they did not recognize Him at first. It was only in the breaking of bread that their eyes were opened. This story reminds us that Jesus is often closer than we realize. He walks with us in our questions, our struggles, and even in moments when we feel unaware of His presence.

This week, we pause and ask:

- Where might Jesus be walking with me right now, even if I don't recognize Him?
- How is God speaking to me through Scripture, people, or daily experiences?
- What would it look like to become more attentive to His presence?

The risen Christ is not distant—He is near, revealing Himself in ways both simple and profound.

## **Upcoming Events to add in your daily prayers:**

- Get-togethers, Andhra Pradesh.
- VBS, Calvary Church, Chennai – 27-29<sup>th</sup> April 26.
- Wednesday Fasting Prayer — 7:00 PM.
- Sunrise service, Chennai – 01<sup>st</sup> May'26.
- Friday Fasting Prayer — 7:00 PM.
- Sunday services – 8am and 1pm onwards.
- Calvary Kids time — Saturday, 7pm onwards on zoom.

## **Events that happened in 17<sup>th</sup> week of 2026 (19<sup>th</sup> Apr - 25<sup>th</sup> Apr) to seek the fruit of the Word sown in your daily prayers:**

- **Sunday Worship Service on 19<sup>th</sup> Apr'26:** Today's Sunday service was a richly anointed gathering, where the tangible presence of God filled the atmosphere, and believers from various parts of the country came together in unity to worship and experience His grace. The main message by Dr. Jayapaul emphasized the importance of nurturing children and youth in the faith. He highlighted the responsibility of parents, calling mothers and fathers to raise their children in the fear of God, teaching them Scripture and prayer from an early age. Meditated on 2 Kings 22nd chapter about **rediscovering God's Word, responding with repentance, and beginning a return to true worship.** Below are some of the key points to follow:
  - ✓ Worship God sincerely and make Jesus the centre of your life. Let your praise reflect your trust in Him as your Savior, Protector, and Shepherd.
  - ✓ Start seeking God early in life and take your spiritual journey seriously. Like Josiah, choose to follow God even when others don't.
  - ✓ Take responsibility for your spiritual life as you grow. Don't wait—begin correcting and building your life according to God's Word now.
  - ✓ Value the Word of God and respond to it with a soft heart. True change begins when you listen, repent, and act on what God says.
  - ✓ Practice genuine repentance when you realize your mistakes. Humble yourself before God and allow Him to transform your life.
  - ✓ Build your life on obedience to God's commandments. A life aligned with His Word leads to lasting peace and blessing.
  - ✓ Prioritize daily prayer, worship, and Bible reading. These are the foundations of a strong and growing spiritual life.
  - ✓ Guard your heart and mind from worldly distractions. Stay focused on God to avoid spiritual decline.

- ✓ Encourage children to grow in faith from a young age. Early spiritual training shapes a strong and faithful future.
- ✓ As a parent, pray consistently for your children. Your prayers can guide and protect their spiritual journey.
- ✓ Teach and model godly values at home. Your life should reflect what you want your children to become.
- ✓ Ensure children and youth participate in spiritual activities. Sunday school and youth meetings help build strong foundations.
- ✓ Dedicate your youth to God and avoid delaying your commitment. The earlier you walk with God, the stronger your life becomes.
- ✓ Learn from godly examples and seek spiritual mentors. Guidance from others helps you grow in the right direction.
- ✓ Stay actively involved in church life and fellowship. Growth happens when you connect with God's people regularly.
- ✓ Welcome others with love and kindness in the church. Create an environment where everyone feels accepted and valued.
- ✓ Participate in prayer meetings and spiritual gatherings. Unity in prayer brings strength and revival.
- ✓ Pray not only for yourself but for your family, church, and nation. Intercession is a powerful responsibility for every believer.
- ✓ Stay alert to spiritual challenges and attacks. Strengthen yourself through prayer and God's Word.
- ✓ Trust God for guidance in every area of life. Depend on His grace to lead you through every situation.
- ✓ Support church ministries through prayer and participation. Be part of what God is doing in your community.
- ✓ Take part in outreach and share God's love with others. Help bring more people into a relationship with Christ.
- ✓ Stay united with other believers and avoid division. Unity creates a strong and growing church.
- ✓ Commit to spiritual growth and avoid complacency. Keep moving forward in your faith journey.
- ✓ Be sensitive to God's voice in your daily life. Obedience begins with listening carefully to Him.
- ✓ Examine your heart regularly before God. Keep your life clean, honest, and surrendered.
- ✓ Live a life of surrender and dedication to God. True blessing comes from fully yielding to His will.
- ✓ Seek revival in your personal life first. A changed heart can impact many others.
- ✓ Remain faithful regardless of your age or situation. God can use you powerfully at any stage of life.
- ✓ Trust in God's grace to live a victorious life. With Him, you can overcome every challenge and fulfil your purpose.

- **Mid-week Prayer on 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr'26:** Today's prayer is especially for believers, focusing on hearing the Word of God, living according to it, and growing in faith. Many hear the Word but do not put it into practice, and as a result, they do not grow spiritually. We must prepare our hearts and listen with focus and sincerity.

We also meditated on Joshua chapters 3 and 4, which show how God powerfully leads His people into new beginnings and calls them to remember His faithfulness for generations to come. Below are some points for us to follow:

- ✓ Many hear the Word of God, but few live according to it; without obedience, there is no true spiritual growth.
- ✓ If the heart is not prepared, the Word will only be heard by the ears and not received into life.
- ✓ When we stop practicing the basic disciplines—repentance, prayer, and reading the Word—we stop growing in faith.
- ✓ God does not repeat lessons for the willing, but for those who refuse to learn, the same basics must be taught again.
- ✓ Before expecting miracles, we must first sanctify ourselves; a prepared and holy life invites God's power.
- ✓ Faith requires action—just as the priests stepped into the Jordan before the waters parted, we must move in obedience.
- ✓ God goes before us; we are called to follow, not run ahead or fall behind.
- ✓ Obstacles are tests of faith; when we trust and obey, God makes a way where there is none.
- ✓ Never forget what God has done—remembering His works keeps our faith alive and our hearts grateful.
- ✓ A life without remembrance becomes a life without gratitude, and gratitude is the foundation of true devotion.
- ✓ What is done for God endures; every act done in His name carries eternal value.

- **Friday Fasting Service 24<sup>th</sup> Apr'26:** Today's worship emphasises the importance of persistent prayer, unwavering faith, and spiritual growth, drawing from biblical examples like Elijah. The message encourages believers to seek God earnestly, overcome life's challenges through prayer, and remain steadfast in faith while trusting in God's perfect timing. Meditated on 1 Kings 18th chapter which is about God proving He is the only true God, calling people to turn back to Him, and showing His power through faith and prayer. Let us prayerfully reflect on the following points:

- ✓ Trust Jesus as your constant companion in every situation. He removes fear, gives peace, and strengthens you in times of trouble.
- ✓ Turn to prayer in every burden you face, whether personal, family, or spiritual. Prayer has the power to break strongholds and bring healing and deliverance.

- ✓ Make prayer a consistent and united practice with others. Collective prayer brings strength, support, and spiritual breakthrough.
- ✓ Pray persistently without giving up, even when answers seem delayed. God responds in His perfect time when you remain faithful.
- ✓ Learn from Elijah and remain steadfast in prayer. True faith continues praying until the answer comes.
- ✓ Trust God's power beyond what you see around you. He can do the impossible even when situations look hopeless.
- ✓ Do not rely only on emotions or temporary spiritual excitement. Build your faith on God's Word and a deep relationship with Him.
- ✓ Examine your spiritual life and avoid superficial faith. True growth comes from repentance, obedience, and commitment.
- ✓ Stay strong in spiritual battles by using prayer as your weapon. Through prayer, you overcome fear, darkness, and opposition.
- ✓ Be patient and persistent like Elijah who prayed repeatedly. Continue seeking God until you see His answer and breakthrough.
- ✓ Do not lose faith when there are no immediate signs of change. God is working even when you cannot see results.
- ✓ Commit to deeper spiritual growth instead of shallow practices. Seek a real connection with God through His Word and prayer.
- ✓ Avoid distractions and careless worship during prayer time. Pray with focus, sincerity, and full involvement.
- ✓ Practice earnest and active prayer, not passive or routine prayers. Engage your heart, body, and mind in seeking God.
- ✓ Support others through intercessory prayer. Stand in the gap for those who are struggling or in need.
- ✓ Believe that God can heal sickness, restore families, and provide for needs. Nothing is impossible when you trust Him fully.
- ✓ Stay united with believers and grow together in prayer. Spiritual unity strengthens the church and brings revival.
- ✓ Depend on the Holy Spirit for strength and guidance. True transformation comes through His power working in you.
- ✓ Remain faithful and consistent in your spiritual journey. Through persistent prayer and faith, God will transform your life.

**May the Lord teach you His ways and strengthen you  
to walk as Jesus walked. Amen!**

**With love,  
Dr. N. Jayapaul,  
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