

## Scripture Readings

*The first scripture reading is from **Exodus chapter 17**, verses **1-7**. This can be found on page **79** in the **old testament** of your pew bible...*

<sup>1</sup>The whole community of Israel set out from the wilderness of Sin and travelled by stages as the LORD told them. They encamped at Rephidim, where there was no water for the people to drink, <sup>2</sup>and a dispute arose between them and Moses. When they said, 'Give us water to drink', Moses said, 'Why do you dispute with me? Why do you challenge the LORD?' <sup>3</sup>There the people became so thirsty that they raised an outcry against Moses: 'Why have you brought us out of Egypt with our children and our herds to let us all die of thirst?' <sup>4</sup>Moses cried to the LORD, 'What shall I do with these people? In a moment they will be stoning me.' <sup>5</sup>The LORD answered, 'Go forward ahead of the people; take with you some of the elders of Israel and the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>You will find me waiting for you there, by a rock in Horeb. Strike the rock; water will pour out of it, and the people shall drink.' Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>He named the place Massah [That is Challenge] and Meribah [That is Dispute], because the Israelites had disputed with him and challenged the LORD with their question, 'Is the LORD in our midst or not?'

*The second scripture reading is taken from **John 19**, verses **38-42**, which can be found on page **140** in the **new testament** of your pew bible...*

<sup>38</sup>After that, Pilate was approached by Joseph of Arimathaea, a disciple of Jesus, but a secret disciple for fear of the Jews, who asked to be allowed to remove the body of Jesus. Pilate gave the permission; so Joseph came and took the body away. <sup>39</sup>He was joined by Nicodemus (the man who had first visited Jesus by night), who brought with him a mixture of myrrh and aloes, more than half a hundredweight. <sup>40</sup>They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen cloth according to Jewish burial-customs. <sup>41</sup>Now at the place where he had been crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, not yet used for burial. <sup>42</sup>There, because the tomb was near at hand and it was the eve of the Jewish Sabbath, they laid Jesus.