

GOOD FRIDAY



A day of mourning.
A day of meaning.
On that Friday, history changed

READ:

→ Zechariah 12:10 -14

REFLECT:

→ How does Zechariah 12 inform us about the human response of mourning and repentance when faced with the reality of Christ's death?

Our Savior experienced the sting of death

The sorrow of rejection

The suffering of physical torture.

That Friday, our Savior experienced ultimate
physical pain & betrayal.

READ:

→ Mark 14

→ Mark 15:1-20

REFLECT:

→ How does Mark 14 reveal the depth of Jesus' commitment to His mission of sacrificial love and redemption, even in the face of injustice?

→ Jesus didn't just experience physical pain, but the emotional pain of a friend's betrayal. By His grace, He sympathizes with us in both the physical and emotional pains of the human condition.

The redemption story became prophecy fulfilled
Our Savior was mocked and spit on, flogged and killed
The Man of Sorrows in our place.
The Son Of God, Prince of Peace
The Son of a carpenter hanging beside thieves

READ:

→ Isaiah 53:4-12

REFLECT:

- In what ways does this passage affirm our understanding of the concept of atonement?
- How does the imagery used in Isaiah 53 deepen our understanding of the concept of sacrifice and redemption?

His posture of humility
was far beyond what we expected,
He died for each of us.

He died for the ones who nailed him to the cross.

READ:

→ Phillipians 2:5-8

REFLECT:

→ How does this passage exemplify the radical humility of Christ?

→ What does this reveal about the character of God?

He died for the orphan and the widow,
The rich and the poor,
The old and the young,
The tax collector and the prostitute,
The pharisee and the disciple
The Jew and the Gentile.

READ:

→ Romans 1:16-17

REFLECT:

→ How does this illuminate the significance of Christ's death on the cross as the ultimate demonstration of God's power and righteousness, providing salvation for all who believe?

His posture of love embodied
what love actually means.
His offer of redemption is great,
but so was the price to take
punishment on our behalf.

READ:

→ 1 John 4:9-10

REFLECT:

→ How does this passage invite us to reassess our perception of love, particularly in terms of its sacrificial nature and transformative power in our lives?

The Man of Sorrows in our place.

Son of God, Prince of Peace.

The Son of a carpenter hanging beside thieves.

READ:

→ Isaiah 53:1-3

REFLECT:

- In what ways does Isaiah 53 invite us to contemplate the profound mystery of Christ's suffering and sacrificial love?
- How might meditating on Jesus as the Man of Sorrows deepen our appreciation for the redemptive significance of His death and resurrection in our lives?

He was called Emmanuel, God with us.
Yet, He came in a manger, and died on a cross.
In accordance with Jewish tradition,
His body was wrapped and put in a tomb.

READ:

→ John 19:38-42

REFLECT:

- How does the burial of Jesus prompt us to contemplate the finality of death and the hope of resurrection?
- How might the burial of Jesus deepen our understanding of the significance of Jesus' sacrifice for our redemption and salvation?

On Friday, our Emmanuel died.

On Friday, we mourn,
but Sunday is coming...

READ:

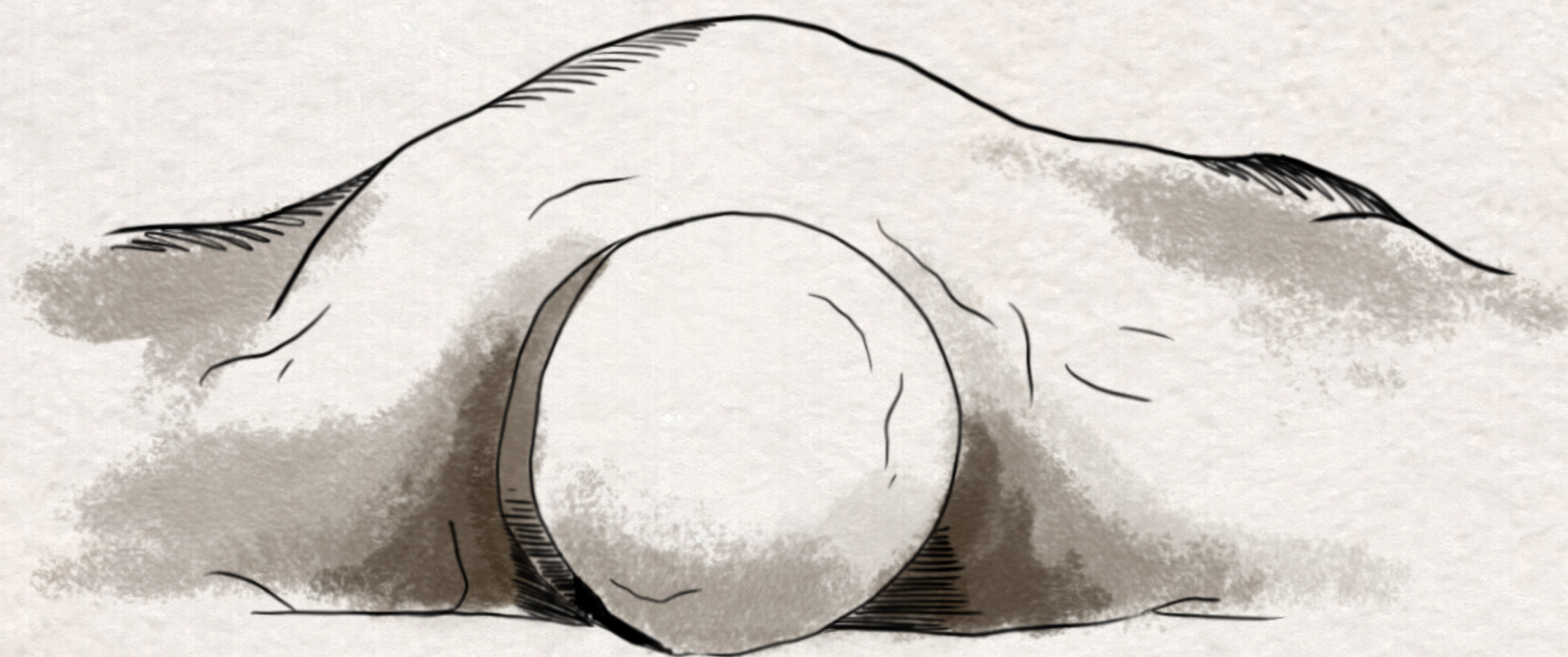
→ Luke 23:54-56

REFLECT:

→ How does the deliberate pause in the narrative as Jesus is laid to rest invite us to consider the significance of quiet perseverance and faithful waiting in times of uncertainty and despair?

“It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three, because the sun’s light failed. The curtain of the sanctuary was split down the middle. And Jesus called out with a loud voice, ‘Father, into your hands I entrust my spirit.’ Saying this, he breathed his last.”

-Luke 23:44-46



SUNDAY IS COMING