THIS IS THAT - Palm Sunday Pastor Mark Rouse - April 5, 2020

When they came together in Galilee, he said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. ²³ They will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised to life." And the disciples were filled with grief. - Matthew 17:22-23

³⁶ Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." ³⁷ He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸ Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me." - Matthew 26:36-38

• Lament - a <u>PASSIONATE EXPRESSION</u> of grief and sorrow.

Overwhelmed with Grief and Sorrow

1) EXPRESS.

About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?") - Matthew 27:46

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish? - Psalm 22:1

2) <u>EMBRACE</u>.

³⁹ Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." ⁴² He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done."

- Matthew 26:39, 42

¹³ I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. ¹⁴ Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord. - Psalm 27:13-14

3) ENTRUST.

Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last.
- Luke 23:46

So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy. - John 16:22