

# The Wait of Glory (SUNDAY)

April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026

“Hope-Full Sunday”

## Easter week from the disciple’s perspective:

- The highs of Palm Sunday
- Thursday’s Confusion—Events from the week leading up to the crucifixion
- The tragedy of Friday
- The silence of Saturday

## The total loss of the week meant:

- They were going to be killed too. Their physical life was over.
- If they ran, where would they go? They had made enemies of the Jews and the Roman Empire.
- Even if they lived, where could they go? They couldn’t go home because no one would want them back.
- What about their families?
- They felt they could not have a relationship with God because they had falsely proclaimed Jesus the Messiah.
- More personally, they had betrayed their friend and had been betrayed by a friend—Judas.

## **BUT SUNDAY CHANGED EVERYTHING!**

- The whole Sunday experience changed things. The resurrection didn’t mean they were in right standing with God, because they had all denied Jesus and ran.
- But the resurrection and Jesus’ encounter with His disciples changed everything.
- Jesus is alive! What does this mean?
  1. In general, it means that sins are forgiven. That God accepted the sacrifice.
  2. It means they had purpose. They were sent out with a more significant purpose.
  3. It means we have a new community, a new family, we are a holy nation, a royal priesthood. We are not alone in the world.
  4. It means that there had always been a plan the disciples couldn’t see. Something was happening, even on what they thought was the worst day.
  5. Death isn’t what they thought. It’s just a step from brokenness to wholeness.

## It changed them—Is it changing you?

**1 Corinthians 15:12–28 (ESV)** <sup>12</sup>Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup>But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. <sup>15</sup>We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup>For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. <sup>17</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup>Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup>If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at His coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup>For “God has put all things in subjection under His feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that He is excepted who put all things in subjection under Him. <sup>28</sup>When all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subjected to Him who put all things in subjection under Him, that God may be all in all.

**John 21:15–24 (ESV)** <sup>15</sup>When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.”

<sup>16</sup>He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I

love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.”<sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.”<sup>18</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.”<sup>19</sup> (This He said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this He said to him, “Follow me.”<sup>20</sup> Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them, the one who also had leaned back against Him during the supper and had said, “Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?”<sup>21</sup> When Peter saw Him, he said to Jesus, “Lord, what about this man?”<sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me!”<sup>23</sup> So the saying spread abroad among the brothers that this disciple was not to die; yet Jesus did not say to him that he was not to die, but, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?”<sup>24</sup> This is the disciple who is bearing witness about these things, and who has written these things, and we know that His testimony is true.

**2 Peter 3:3–10 (ESV)** <sup>3</sup> knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. <sup>4</sup> They will say, “Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.” <sup>5</sup> For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, <sup>6</sup> and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. <sup>7</sup> But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly. <sup>8</sup> But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. <sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slow to fulfill His promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. <sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

**Isaiah 53:2–11 (ESV)** <sup>2</sup> For He grew up before Him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; He had no form or majesty that we should look at Him, and no beauty that we should desire Him. <sup>3</sup> He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we esteemed Him not. <sup>4</sup> Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup> But He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed. <sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to His own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. <sup>7</sup> He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth. <sup>8</sup> By oppression and judgment He was taken away; and as for His generation, who considered that He was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? <sup>9</sup> And they made His grave with the wicked and with a rich man in His death, although He had done no violence, and there was no deceit in His mouth. <sup>10</sup> Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush Him; He has put Him to grief; when His soul makes an offering for guilt, He shall see His offspring; He shall prolong His days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in His hand. <sup>11</sup> Out of the anguish of His soul He shall see and be satisfied; by His knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and He shall bear their iniquities.