

DAY 7: THE SILENCE BEFORE THE MIRACLE

After the chaos of the crucifixion, a heavy stillness settled over the world. Jesus had died. The earth had trembled. The disciples had fled, and grief and confusion hung over everything. Between Good Friday and Easter Sunday, there was only silence. No miracles. No words from Jesus. Just quiet.

Yet this silence was not the final chapter. It was a pause—a breath—before the greatest miracle the world would ever witness. The Savior had been laid in a tomb, and all human hope seemed gone. But in that quiet, unseen by the world, God was at work, orchestrating the resurrection that would bring life, hope, and victory to all who believe.

MATTHEW 27:57-61, 28:1-10

“As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus’ body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him. Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there, opposite the tomb...

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

The angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; He has risen, just as He said. Come and see the place where He lay. Then go quickly and tell His disciples: He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see Him. Now I have told you.’ So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell His disciples.

Suddenly Jesus met them. ‘Greetings,’ He said. They came to Him, clasped His feet and worshiped Him. Then Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see Me.’”

The quiet between the crucifixion and resurrection reminds us that God often moves in ways we can’t immediately see. The disciples were confused and afraid. Jesus lay in the tomb, and there were no outward signs of anything that had changed. Yet, behind the scenes, God was orchestrating His ultimate triumph over sin and death.

We, too, go through seasons of silence in our lives. Times when God feels distant, answers are delayed, or change seems slow. Yet just as God was at work during the stillness between Friday and Sunday, He is working in the quiet moments of our lives. The resurrection followed the silence, and often, our own breakthroughs come after seasons of patient trust in God’s timing.

REFLECT

Are you walking through a season of quiet or waiting? Maybe it’s a delay in an answer, a breakthrough, or clarity in a decision. Be encouraged! God is still at work even when nothing seems to be happening. Trust that His timing is perfect and that the silence may be preparing you for something extraordinary. Spend time today in prayer, asking God to strengthen your faith and perspective as He brings new life to your situation.

PRAYER

God, thank You for showing me that You are always at work, even when I can’t see it. Help me to trust Your timing and rest in the truth that You are preparing me in the waiting for Your breakthrough. Thank You for the power of resurrection and the life You bring from places of waiting. I surrender my doubts and trust You with the miracles You are working in my life. Amen.