

Friday, April 7, 2023
GOOD FRIDAY
2023

Today, we hear the sounds of Good Friday. The sound of fleeing feet:
Then all the disciples forsook Him and fled. /// Matthew 26:56

The sound of judgment passed:

They answered and said, "He is deserving of death." Then they spat in His face and beat Him; and others struck Him with the palms of their hands, saying, "Prophecy to us, Christ! Who is the one who struck You?" /// Matthew 26:66-67

The sound of betrayal:

"This fellow also was with Jesus of Nazareth." But he denied with an oath, "I do not know the Man!" /// Matthew 26:71-72

The crowing of the rooster convicting the guilty:

Immediately a rooster crowed. And Peter remembered the word of Jesus who had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." /// Matthew 26:74-75

The sound of coins crashing on the pavement:

Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." And they said, "What is that to us? It is your responsibility!" Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and hanged himself. /// Matthew 27:3-5

The crowd crying for Barabbas:

"Whom do you want me to release to you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" They said, "Barabbas!" /// Matthew 27:17 & 21

The sound of the mocking and whipping and slapping:

So then Pilate took Jesus and scourged Him. And the soldiers twisted a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and they put on Him a purple robe. Then they said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they struck Him with their hands. /// John 19:1-3

The sound of Pilate washing his hands:

When Pilate saw that he could not prevail at all, but rather that a tumult was rising, he took water and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, "I am innocent of the blood of this Just Person. It is your responsibility." And all the people answered and said, "His blood be on us and on our children." /// Matthew 27:24-25

The sound of the pounding of hammers:

Then he delivered Him to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus and led Him away. And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha, where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center. /// John 19:16-18

The sound of forgiveness coming from the Man on the cross:

Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." ... Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us." But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward for our deeds: but this Man has done nothing wrong." Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise." /// Luke 23:34, 39-43

The cry of the Man bearing my sin:

And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" /// Matthew 27:46

The final words from the Man on the cross:

"It is finished!"

The deafening sound of the veil in the temple tearing:

And Jesus cried out with a loud voice and breathed His last. Then the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. /// Mark 15:37-38

His side was pierced with a spear to ensure He was really dead. The only thing His followers could do was lay Him in a grave.

The sound of the closing of the tomb:

And He was laid in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock, and rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. /// Mark 15:46

The final sound of the day? The sound of the shutting of the door as the disciples hid away.

Today's Scriptures:

- Matthew 26:56
- Matthew 26:66-67
- Matthew 26:71-72
- Matthew 26:74-75
- Matthew 27:3-5
- Matthew 27:17 & 21
- John 19:1-3
- Matthew 27:24-25
- John 19:16-18
- Luke 23:39-43
- Matthew 27:46
- Mark 15:37-38, 46