



SUNDAY AT HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

April 5

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

This is set up just like our Sunday Morning Worship Gathering! When there's a song, sing; when the guide leads you to pray, pray; when the sermon is being read and taught and discussed, take notes. Read, pray, talk together, and let God use this time to build up his church, even at home. Follow along with the instructions in each section. Whenever you see what looks like a [link](#), you can go to www.thefieldschurch.net/sundayathome for a full list of resources linked with headings and page numbers to help you find the right one.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Here we are now, already three Sundays into this period of sickness and isolation, a time that is difficult for so many in our world, and for us.

How are you feeling? What's been one of the biggest challenges you've faced so far?

I long for the day when we can meet together again in person. The challenges we are facing should lead us to draw near to God and lift our voices in prayer and praise, but so often we don't feel like we have the strength to do so; but let me remind us: before you ever drew near to God or opened your mouth to praise him, God came to save you.

God promised his people Israel that he would come to save them, to be with them, and that he would sing a song of loving salvation over them. He came in the form of His Son Jesus and wrapped on flesh, walked among them as Emmanuel, and died on the cross to set them free from the bondage of sin and death. He rose from the dead three days later so that they could have new life in him. We now, through repentance and belief, have access to the same promise they did – God has saved us through His Son, is with us through His Spirit, and sings over us as a loving Father.

Let's read this promise aloud together from Zephaniah 3, and then sing together.

**“Fear not, O Zion;
let not your hands grow weak.
The LORD your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing.”**

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SHOUTS OF JOY

The Lord your God is with you
He is mighty to save
He will take great delight in you
He will quiet you with His love

He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy
He will rejoice over you with singing

Those who believe in His name
He gave the right to become
Children of God, you are the children of God

PRAYER FOR THE NATIONS

Turkey

(Watch the [video](#) and look through the pictures as someone reads.)

Has your favorite restaurant or store ever gone out of business? Have you, after many years, ever returned to a town or house that you or your loved ones used to live in? Think about the feeling you had when you drove by this place that once was occupied by something or someone familiar that you loved, and now it has been replaced by something else or has just been abandoned.

The country of Turkey feels just like this to Christians and the church. This country used to have vibrant communities of believers dating all the way back to Bible times. The Seven Churches in Revelation were all located in modern-day Turkey, as were the churches who received so many of Paul's letters, like 1 & 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, and others.

Today, of the more than 80 million people living in Turkey, only 0.008% have repented and believed in the gospel, and many have never even heard it plainly.

Turkey has become predominately Muslim and increasingly gospel-resistant. Turks are proud of their country and its quick industrialization and modernization, and this nationality is so fused with their love for Islam that it is culturally inconceivable to be both Turk and Christian. By God's grace, Turk believers still have freedom to worship together, but their lives are faced with overt disapproval from the culture and the danger of physical persecution. Because of the closeness of family ties and the cultural disregard for Christians, new believers face being disowned by their families, as well as the loss of homes and jobs.

We ought to pray for God to renew his church in Turkey, even as Jesus spoke to them through the apostle John in Revelation 2: *"I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary. But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first."* May the believers there, and us, persevere and not abandon Christ's love that has been richly bestowed on us.

Let's pray together for the Christians in Turkey.

- Pray for the believers there to see the need around them and boldly share the gospel so that the church will see renewed growth.
- Pray for new converts to find comfort and community with the church in the face of various levels of persecution.
- Pray for the word of God to be shared effectively across different platforms and preached with clarity and unity from pulpits around the nation.

CONTINUE IN WORSHIP

In light of the persecution they face, the people living in Turkey have to really consider, "Is Jesus worthy of me turning my whole life around to surrender to him?" We may live with less overt persecution, but that makes it all the more important that we consider the same: will you count Jesus and his word as worthy of surrendering to today?

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IS HE WORTHY

Do you feel the world is broken? (We do)
Do you feel the shadows deepen? (We do)
But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? (We do)
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? (We do)

Is all creation groaning? (It is)
Is a new creation coming? (It is)
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? (It is)
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? (It is)

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
Is He worthy? Is He worthy
Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this? He is

Does the Father truly love us? (He does)
Does the Spirit move among us? (He does)
And does Jesus, our Messiah, hold forever those He loves? (He does)
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? (He does)

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son
Is He worthy? Is He worthy
Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Is He worthy of this? He is

SPEAK O LORD

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,

That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.

Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail—
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.

And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

As we approach the church's yearly celebration of Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday, April 12, we are taking a break from our study in Acts to consider Luke's account of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. We believe this is a good time to read the Apostles' Creed aloud together. From as early as the second century, Christians used statements of faith, like the Apostles' Creed, to publicly declare their faith in Christ with a short summary of the essential doctrines of our faith.

Take a moment to read the Apostles' Creed aloud, and then pray together.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our
Lord;
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended to the dead.
The third day he rose again from the
dead.**

**He ascended to heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty,
from whence He will come to judge the
living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy universal church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

CHANGED BY THE TRUTH | LUKE 23:44-49

FOR YOUNGER KIDS:

If you have younger kids, read from The Jesus Storybook Bible (pages 15-16) attached and let them work on the activity sheet (pages 17-18) while you and your older kids read through the scripture and sermon.

READ

Have someone read Luke 23:44-49 aloud.

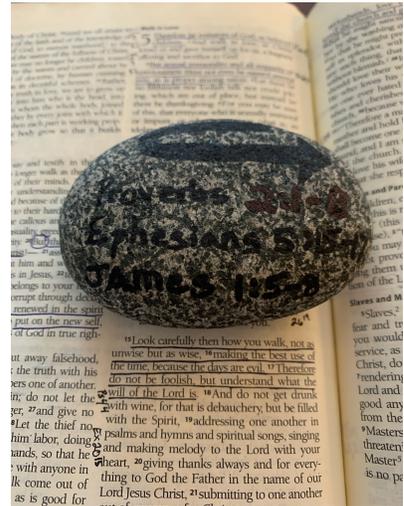
INTRO

Last week, we paused our study in Acts to consider some of the last words of Jesus while he was on the cross. It was a good time to do so, having seen Stephen imitate and even quote some of Jesus' last words on the cross as he was being stoned to death. These last words of Christ were spoken in the midst of great physical pain and

spiritual suffering that you and I will likely never experience or fully grasp. Nevertheless, if we take some time to consider what happened that day, we can better understand the importance of that moment and hopefully leave changed.

OPENING ILLUSTRATION - CHANGED

Have you ever experienced something during your life that changed you in a moment? Or, to put it another way, have you come away from an experience radically different than you went in?



I had one of those experiences when I was in college. I was involved with a group called “Brothers Under Christ” that sought to establish brotherhood and unity in Christ among college-aged men. We disciplined one another and held each other accountable in our faith. One semester, we went on a weekend retreat and I came home radically different than when I had left. I went to college to study Zoology and work with animals, but that weekend God made it clear that I would spend my life studying theology and serving the church. God used his Spirit to stir my heart and his Word to confirm this new direction in my life. It was so life changing for me that I grabbed a rock and drew a U-turn symbol and three important scripture references on it, one of which was Ephesians 5:15-17.

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. (Ephesians 5:15–17 ESV)

God revealed some specific truths about himself and Jesus to me that weekend in the Scriptures. I realized that he was worthy of much more than I had been giving him! That weekend, I understood that if I spent the rest of my days as I was spending them up to that point, I would not only be unwise, but I would not be living in the will of the Lord for my life – something had to change. I came back to campus after that weekend and shared with Joy what I sensed the Lord was calling me to do. I changed my major to graduate earlier so that I could go to seminary after college. I immediately started serving in our student ministry at church and looked for ways to make the best use of my time for his glory. I could no longer live just for myself and what I wanted to do; I had to live for Christ and what he wanted me to do.

In our Scripture today, we are going to see certain truths about God and Jesus Christ that are revealed during Jesus’ last few breaths. The truths revealed in the actions of God and words of Jesus bring about radical life change for many of those who witnessed what happened. They don’t return home the same as they had come.

What about you? Will you be same after this moment? Will you be the same after you encounter the truth about God and Jesus? Would you be willing to humble yourself before the Lord and allow him to reveal the truth about himself in such a way that will change you forever?

Take a moment to pray and ask God to reveal the truth about himself and have his way in you right now.

GOD'S ACTIONS REVEAL THE TRUTH ABOUT JESUS

Have someone read Luke 23:44-45 aloud.

Jesus' death was accompanied by several signs that signified the eternal weight and importance of this moment. In Luke 23:44-49, Luke mentions two: the *darkness during the day* and the *tearing of the curtain*.

DARKNESS DURING THE DAY

Jesus was crucified at the 3rd hour and it was now the 6th hour. That means he was hung on the cross at 9am and it was now 12pm, noon. And yet, there was darkness over the face of the earth until the 9th hour, or 3pm. For 3 hours in the middle of the day it was dark as night. This is not a cloudy day, or even an eclipse; this is a supernatural sign from God. Interestingly, the light of a shining star in the night sky marked Jesus' birth, but the darkening of a star in the day sky marked his death.

This darkness was a sign that judgment was coming, just like the 9th plague of darkness in Egypt (Exodus 10:21-23). In fact, it was one of the prophecies in the Old Testament that was to be a sign pointing us to the Messiah, the Christ. Listen to what God says through the prophet Amos.

9 *"And on that day," declares the Lord GOD,
"I will make the sun go down at noon
and darken the earth in broad daylight.*
10 *I will turn your feasts into mourning
and all your songs into lamentation;
I will bring sackcloth on every waist
and baldness on every head;
I will make it like the mourning for an only son
and the end of it like a bitter day.*

(Amos 8:9-10 ESV)

This darkness at noon would change their Passover feast celebration into mourning, like at a funeral. **This darkness was a sign that God's judgment was coming down from heaven to earth as his wrath would be poured out on Jesus Christ for the sins of all who**

would believe. At the same time, God's judgment was being displayed as a glimpse into the future for what all those who deny Christ will face. It's a sobering moment.

TEARING OF THE CURTAIN

Not only was darkness over the land, but the curtain or veil in the temple that separated the Holy of Holies from the rest of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. It was sixty feet high and thirty feet wide and woven with blue, purple, and scarlet yarn with angels embroidered on it. This was the curtain that separated the Holy Place where God's presence dwelt over the Ark of the Covenant. Only the high priest was allowed to enter through the curtain into the Holy Place, and only once a year on the Day of Atonement, when he offered the blood of the sacrifice for the forgiveness of the sins of the people (Hebrews 9:2-7).

However, this wasn't just a ritual that happened once a year in the Old Testament; it was a picture of something greater that was to come. Remember when John the Baptist said that Jesus was the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world (John 1:29)? When Jesus died on the cross and the curtain was torn in two from top to bottom, it signified the breaking down of the dividing wall between God and man, heaven and earth. Jesus became our mediator. No longer was man kept from entering into the presence of God because of his sin. Jesus became the ultimate High Priest and Lamb of God who made a full payment for our sins when he shed his blood on the cross.

Just read what the writer of Hebrews wrote when interpreting the significance of this meaning for some of the first Christians:

But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God. (Hebrews 9:11–14 ESV)

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. (Hebrews 10:19–25 ESV)

When God made the sky dark and tore the curtain from top to bottom, he was pointing us to Jesus. He was revealing specific truths about Jesus that may not have been realized until that day. **Jesus is the only one who could take the judgment for our sins and the only way to be in the presence with God. Therefore, look to Jesus who is the author and perfecter of our faith and who endured the cross (Hebrews 12:2).** In addition, since Jesus' death on the cross tore the curtain and gave us access to God through repentance and faith, let us hold fast our confession of faith in Jesus, let us consider how to stir up one another, and let us not neglect to meet together.

JESUS' WORDS REVEAL THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD

Have someone read Luke 23:46 aloud.

Not only do God's actions reveal certain truths about Jesus, but likewise, Jesus' words reveal certain truths about God.

"FATHER, INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT"

While there was darkness over the land and the curtain was torn in two, Jesus cried out "Father, into your hands, I commit my spirit." Remember, these were the same words Stephen uttered in Acts 7:59 when he imitated Christ as he was being stoned to death.

But what did Jesus mean? Why did Jesus use his last bit of physical energy to say this? Jesus is quoting Psalm 31:5, a Psalm of Lament, in which David calls out to God as his refuge three times in the first four verses; and then he says, "Into your hands I commit my spirit." Jesus too was looking to God as his refuge as he took upon the sins of the world and died the death that we deserve. He willingly gave up his life (John 10:18) and his spirit (John 19:30) and here in Luke 23:46, he commits his spirit to the hands of God. Is there anyone better or any better place you could entrust your spirit to in death than the hands of God? Are there any other hands willing and strong enough to rescue your eternal soul from eternal death into eternal life?

After Jesus said he would willingly give up his life for his sheep in John 10 he also said,

I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one." (John 10:28–30 ESV)

Jesus did what he urged all his sheep to do: he entrusted his own life and spirit into the hands of God the Father, who is greater than all, knowing that no one or no thing could snatch him out of his father's hand. He not only did it, but he said it for all to hear and for us to read thousands of years later so that we too, like Stephen, when our days are up might entrust our spirit to the one who can save us!

THE TRUTH REVEALED ABOUT GOD AND JESUS CHANGES EVERYTHING

Have someone read **Luke 23:47-49** aloud.

When the people experience the truth about Jesus through God's actions and the truth about God through Jesus' Words, they are changed forever.

"CERTAINLY THIS MAN WAS INNOCENT"

The next words spoken, recorded by Luke, were from the centurion, who was likely in charge of the other guards on the scene that day. He was no doubt accustomed to crucifixions since he had likely witnessed and presided over many before that day. However, something was different about this crucifixion and the person being crucified than all that preceded. Things happened that day that had never happened before like darkness and earthquakes. Jesus reacted differently than others had before, with meaningful words and silence. When Jesus breathed his last and died, the only thing the centurion could do was praise God by saying, "Certainly this man was innocent." Matthew and Mark's gospels both record the centurion's declaration with even more clarity about the person of Jesus: "Truly this was the Son of God." Not only was Jesus innocent and undeserving of crucifixion like the other criminals on the cross (verse 41), he was the sinless Son of God, and the centurion knew it and confessed it before God and man! **He was so impacted and changed by what he saw and heard that he couldn't help but respond in repentance and faith.** The centurion left Golgotha radically different than he had come earlier that day, and he would never be the same.

BEATING THEIR BREASTS

Not only did the centurion respond differently than you might expect, but many of the people in the crowd responded differently, as well. Some came to Golgotha that day to be entertained as they watched the spectacle of crucifixion, but the Bible says they left in sorrow and grief. The phrase "beating their breasts" meant that these people were sorry for the way they had acted and were in anguish for what happened to Jesus. **No doubt, they too went home changed, as many repented and believed in Christ.** It would have been hard to leave unchanged that day after seeing God's hand at work and watching God's Son suffer and die. Those six hours so many years ago changed eternity for many who were present, and they continue to change many still today.

BURY AND ANOINT JESUS

Even further away from the cross were Jesus' disciples and followers. They were standing at a distance watching all that happened. **Unlike the rest of those in attendance that day, they had already repented and believed that Jesus was the Christ, and though they didn't fully understand all that was happening, their actions that night and the coming days showed their love and appreciation for Jesus.** Luke specifically records the

presence of certain acquaintances and women since they play a significant part in the burial and resurrection that is to come. They take his body down from the cross, wrap it up, and lay it in a tomb. They follow to the tomb and then go home to prepare spices and rest on the Sabbath, and are the first ones back on Sunday morning to find it empty!

CONCLUSION

We all respond to the truth about God and Jesus in one way or the other. Will you remain unchanged at heart, like the rulers who scoffed, the soldiers who mocked, or the criminal who railed? If so, realize you will one day have to give an account for your words and actions. On that day, God will say, “Depart from me for I never knew you.”

Or will you allow yourself to be changed, like the other criminal on the cross, the centurion at the foot of the cross, and the people spectating at the cross? They left believing the truth – that Jesus was the sinless Son of God who was judged for their sin. They repented of their sins knowing they were guilty, having sinned against God, and needed forgiveness. They realized that the only chance they had was in Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and entrusted their souls to the Father, who alone could offer them refuge. **They were changed by what they saw from the hand of God and heard from the Son of God, and repented and believed in Jesus.**

Another prophecy in the Old Testament predicted the events of that day hundreds of years before they ever happened and accompanying those words are some of the most blessed hopeful words in the Bible. Listen to what God says through his prophet Joel about the day of the Lord, the day Jesus died.

*The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. **And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.** For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls. (Joel 2:31–32 ESV)*

How will you respond to these events surrounding the crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ? Will you cast them aside and go your own way, or will you call upon the name of the Lord? **Your response to the crucifixion of Jesus determines your eternity. If you have put your faith in Jesus Christ, are you spending your life intentionally in God’s will, or are you living like I was before that day God changed me and gave my life a U-turn?**

May the truth of God and Jesus always change us. May we never leave unchanged after considering Christ’s crucifixion. May we be like those acquaintances and women who served Christ and his body as we too serve Christ and his body, the church. May we allow him to change us from the inside out by the truth of his Word so that we might better seek to honor and glorify today than we did yesterday!

RESPOND IN WORSHIP

Let's sing these songs together as we consider what God has shown us in His word.

HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure

How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers

It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection

Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

O PRAISE THE NAME (ANÁSTASIS)

Oh Lord You've searched me
You know my way
Even when I fail you
I know You love me

Your holy presence
Surrounded me
In every season
I know You love me
I know You love me

CHORUS:

**At the cross I bow my knees
Where Your blood was shed for me
There's no greater love than this
You have overcome the grave
Glory fills the highest praise
What can separate me now**

You go before me
You shield my way

Your hand upholds me
And I know You love me

CHORUS

You tore the veil, You made a way
When You said that it is done
You tore the veil, You made a way
When You said that it is done

And when the earth fades
Falls from my eyes
And You stand before me
I know You love me
Oh, I know You love me

CHORUS

You tore the veil, You made a way
When You said that it is done
You tore the veil, You made a way
When You said that it is done

Take a moment to pray and thank God for all that He has done in and through His word today.

COMMISSION

We as your elders are continuing to pray for you this week, and we hope that God has used this time to speak to you in His word and draw your hearts to worship Christ. May His Spirit direct us this week, even in this time of isolation, to reach out to those in need and be the church He has called us to be. Consider whom in our church you can call or text and share how God used this time in your life or the life of your family. Consider a friend or neighbor or coworker you might reach out to this week to show the love of Christ through a meal or a conversation.

Fields Church: even from home, you are sent out to be the church in the world.

The sun stops shining

The Crucifixion, from Matthew 27, Mark 15, Luke 23, John 19

"SO YOU'RE A KING, are you?" the Roman soldiers jeered. "Then you'll need a crown and a robe."

They gave Jesus a crown made out of thorns. And put a purple robe on him. And pretended to bow down to him. "Your Majesty!" they said.

Then they whipped him. And spat on him. They didn't understand that this was the Prince of Life, the King of heaven and earth, who had come to rescue them.



The soldiers made him a sign — "Our King" and nailed it to a wooden cross.

They walked up a hill outside the city. Jesus carried the cross on his back. Jesus had never done anything wrong. But they were going to kill him the way criminals were killed.

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They nailed Jesus to the cross.

"Father, forgive them," Jesus gasped. "They don't understand what they're doing."

"You say you've come to rescue us!" people shouted. "But you can't even rescue yourself!"

But they were wrong. Jesus could have rescued himself. A legion of angels would have flown to his side — if he'd called.

"If you were really the Son of God, you could just climb down off that cross!" they said.

And of course they were right. Jesus could have just climbed down. Actually, he could have just said a word and made it all stop. Like when he healed that little girl. And stilled the storm. And fed 5,000 people.

But Jesus stayed.

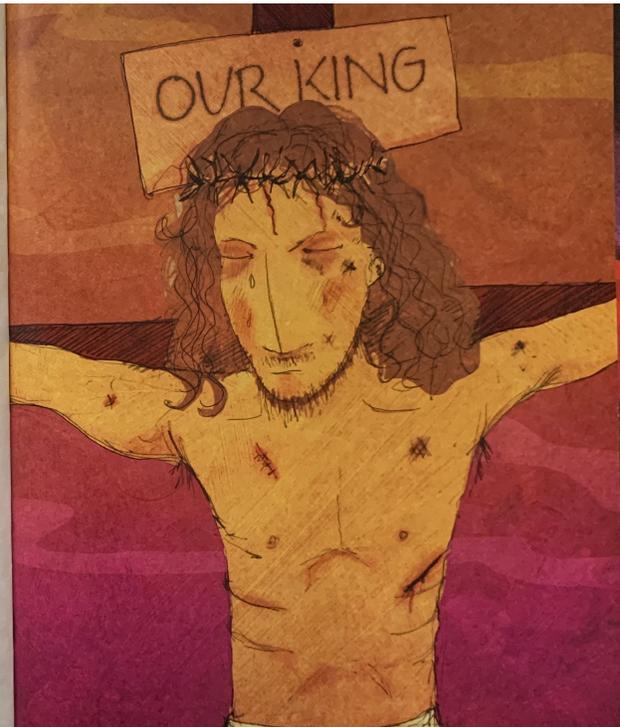
You see, they didn't understand. It wasn't the nails that kept Jesus there. It was love.

"Papa?" Jesus cried, frantically searching the sky.

"Papa? Where are you? Don't leave me!"

And for the first time — and the last — when he spoke, nothing happened. Just a horrible, endless silence. God didn't answer. He turned away from his Boy.

Tears rolled down Jesus' face. The face of the One who would wipe away every tear from every eye.



Even though it was midday, a dreadful darkness covered the face of the world. The sun could not shine. The earth trembled and quaked. The great mountains shook. Rocks split in two. Until it seemed that the whole world would break. That creation itself would tear apart.

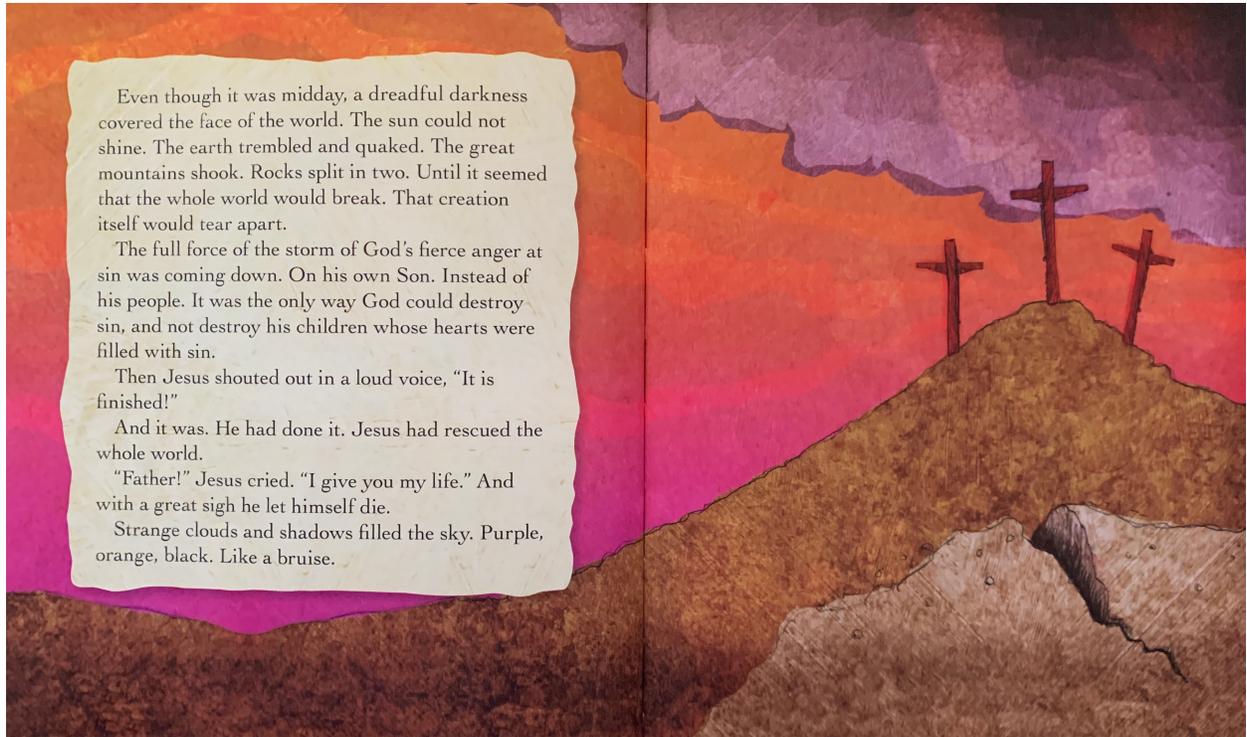
The full force of the storm of God's fierce anger at sin was coming down. On his own Son. Instead of his people. It was the only way God could destroy sin, and not destroy his children whose hearts were filled with sin.

Then Jesus shouted out in a loud voice, "It is finished!"

And it was. He had done it. Jesus had rescued the whole world.

"Father!" Jesus cried. "I give you my life." And with a great sigh he let himself die.

Strange clouds and shadows filled the sky. Purple, orange, black. Like a bruise.



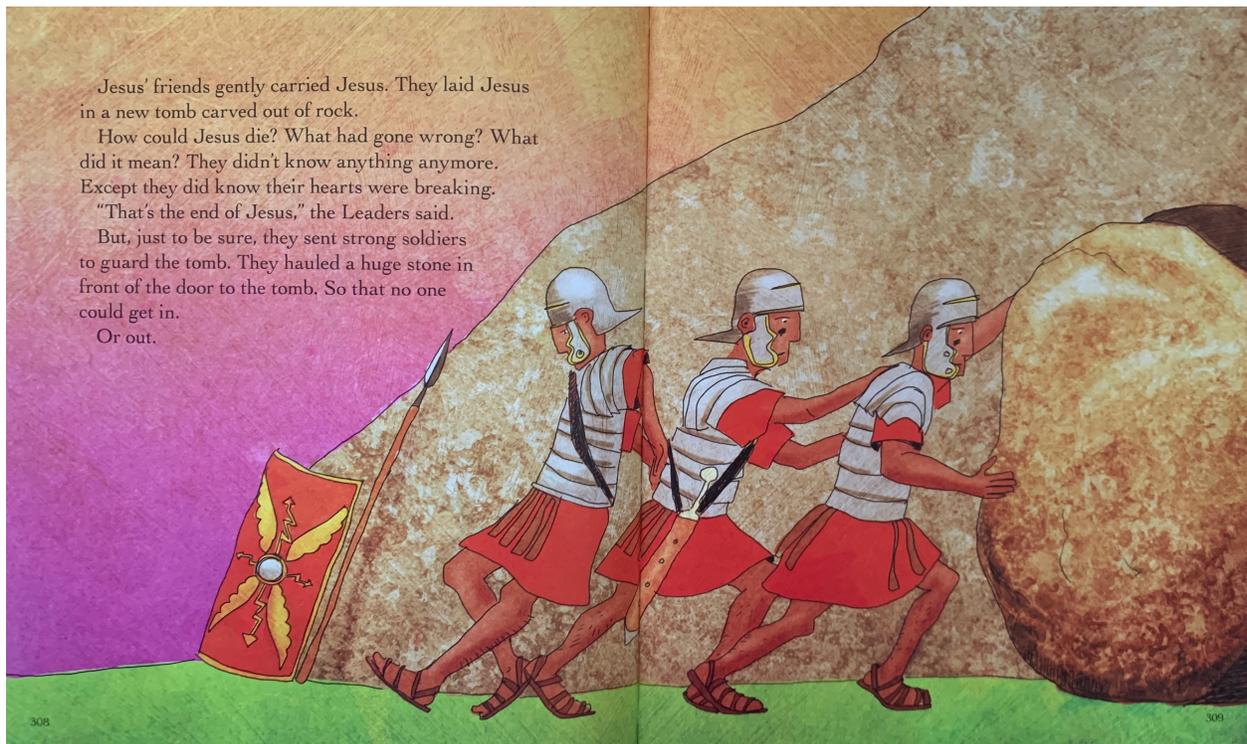
Jesus' friends gently carried Jesus. They laid Jesus in a new tomb carved out of rock.

How could Jesus die? What had gone wrong? What did it mean? They didn't know anything anymore. Except they did know their hearts were breaking.

"That's the end of Jesus," the Leaders said.

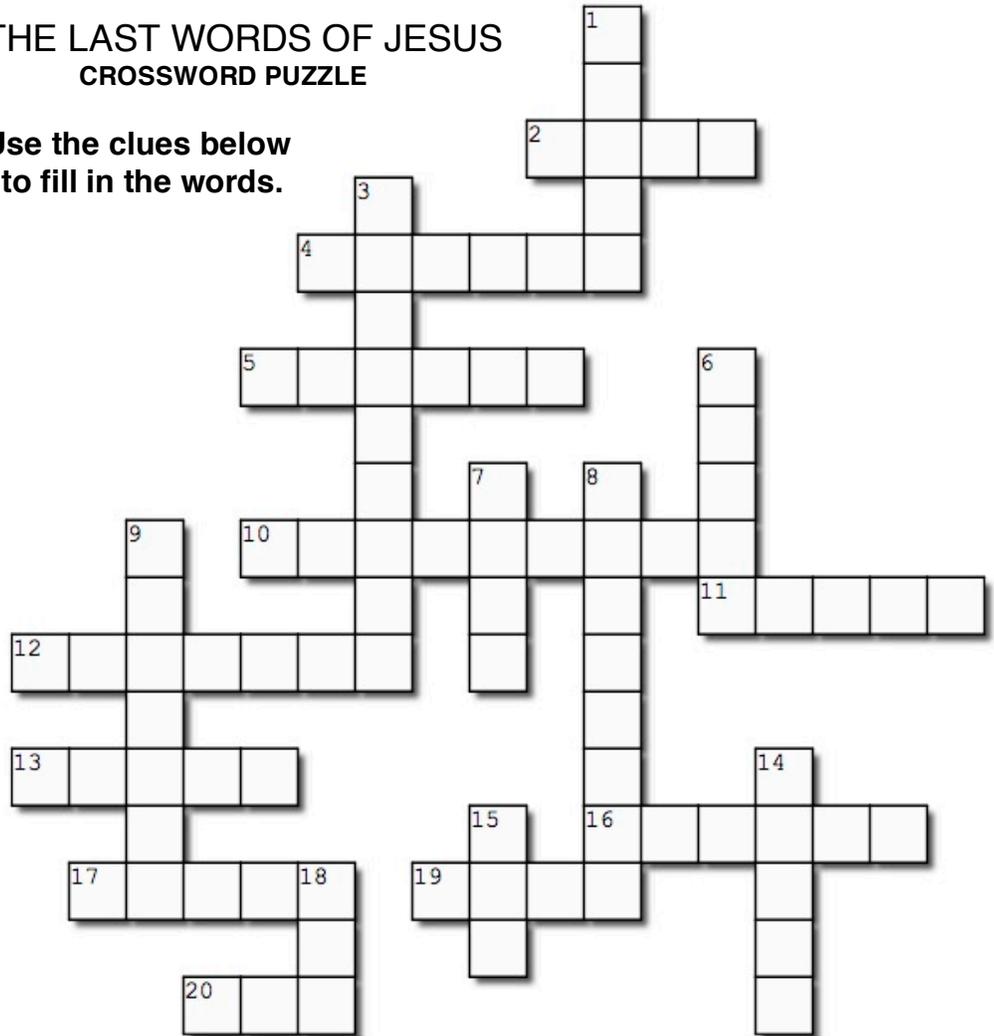
But, just to be sure, they sent strong soldiers to guard the tomb. They hauled a huge stone in front of the door to the tomb. So that no one could get in.

Or out.



THE LAST WORDS OF JESUS CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Use the clues below to fill in the words.



Across

2. Where they laid the body of Jesus
4. '_____ the Lamb of God...' (John 1:29)
5. The first person of the Trinity; what Jesus called God in prayer
10. The people crucified next to Jesus
11. The name of the hill where Jesus died (Luke 23:33)
12. What tore in the temple when Jesus died (Luke 23:45)
13. Through what we are saved (Ephesians 2:8)
16. The third person of the Trinity; what Jesus committed into the Father's hands
17. The second person of the Trinity, Emmanuel
19. God showed us this when Christ died (Romans 5:8)
20. Rejecting or ignoring God...rebellious against him

Down

1. What Jesus shed on the cross
3. Who believed in Jesus when he saw how he died (Luke 23:47)
6. Another word for crucifix; what Jesus died on
7. What was written on the sign above Jesus' cross; 'this is the ____'
8. Where Jesus told the thief who believed would go
9. What Jesus asked God to do for the people when he died (Luke 23:34)
14. By what we are saved (Ephesians 2:8)
15. The creator and sustainer of everyone and everything
18. It stopped shining when Jesus died

WORD PUZZLE

Change the letters to reveal the hidden truth.

Q Z F T
T C T V I J Q T

J Y

H X T
W X J

K J V D
U Z K K R

W L K K
J Q

M T
H X T

R Z C T D

T=E C=V Q=N I=Y J=O Q=N U=C Z=A M=B
K=L R=S V=R H=T X=H F=M Y=F K=L L=I

