

Today, we spend some time honoring and remembering Good Friday. It was the night that Jesus *willingly* suffered and died for us. He took all of our sin, guilt, and shame upon His shoulders... He carried it all as He carried the cross.

Take some time to read through the events of those days, beginning with the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday and ending with Jesus' death and burial. We know that this is (thankfully) not the end of the story. We know that Son will rise in just a few days. But put yourself in the disciples shoes as you read tonight. Imagine what they must have felt... Imagine how dark that Good Friday must have felt.

There are two ways I would suggest working through the readings and video this evening:

Option 1: Read all of the scripture. As you read, write down reflections you have. Spend time in prayer. Then, watch the video, pausing as desired to write, reflect, and pray.

Option 2: Read through the scripture and watch the video in order of the events. The video is comprised of four short sections. (The first two sections can be watched after reading The Last Supper, the third section after reading The Garden, and the final section after reading Jesus Dies). The scriptures in bold and marked with asterisks* have video segments that correspond with the events told in those verses. You can read the scripture and watch the corresponding video segment, pausing it before it starts the next section.

Either option will work just fine. It is just a matter of preference.

Let's pray together.

Jesus, Thank you. Thank you for what you did on that Good Friday all those years ago. Today, as we pause and reflect

upon what You endured, remind us that it was all for us. It was all because You loved us so much. We retrace your steps today because we want to love You more deeply than we ever have before, and we know that is only possible if we allow You to show us the depths of pain You were willing to suffer to accomplish Your love for us. We will be honest today as You open our minds and hearts and emotions to feel the unconditional love You brought on that most tragic day in human history. We are responsible for that day. Break our hearts with the reality of our sin. Fill our brokenness with a love for You and the kingdom You command. Draw us near to You in these next moments. Reveal Your true self to us, and let us worship and praise and surrender to Your name above all names

Amen

Readings

The Last Supper

Matthew 26:17-30* (video time: 0:00-3:39)

The Garden

Luke 22:39-65* (video time: 3:54-6:35)

Jesus Led Before Pilate

Luke 23:1-25

Jesus is Crucified

Luke 23:26-43

Jesus Dies

Matthew 27:45-50* (video time: 6:56-end)

Jesus is Buried

Luke 23:50-56