

Narration 1:

We start today with Jesus in the garden praying to God for strength because He knows all that he is about to endure. We remember this horrific moment in Jesus' life when in His distress his sweat turned to drops of blood. We remember His need to seek His father for comfort and strength so He will be able to endure what will take place in the days to come. We can only imagine, was going through His mind as He was beaten and nailed to the cross. How could a man, who could speak and the winds and waves obey, remain silent as the very men he came to save mocked, ridiculed, beat and spit on Him? Just hours earlier He spoke "I Am" and soldiers fell flat on the ground. But through the beatings and the mocking, He did not say a word.

Maybe His thoughts weren't on what was happening in the physical realm, but the Spiritual one. The Bible says, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Maybe His silence during this terrible time of betrayal and pain was because His thoughts were on His Father, and all His death would accomplish for you and I today.

SING: *Be still My Soul/In You I Rest*- Kari Jobe

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mq59iE3MhXM>

Narration 2:

When Jesus died on the cross, even the earth reacted. Darkness covered the land, there was a great earthquake, tombs broke open, the saints who had died were raised from the dead. The veil of the temple was torn from top to bottom signifying that the separation from God is no more! As all of this was happening, the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the darkness and felt the earthquake, and were terrified. They confessed "this truly is the Son of God!"

SING: *What a Beautiful Name It is*- Hillsong

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mq59iE3MhXM>

Narration 3:

In the book of Revelation, God gave John a vision. He saw "in the spirit" God, who sits on the Throne. In His hand was a scroll that had seven seals on it. He heard an Angel shouting: "*Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?*" But there was no one worthy to open it, and John wept. Tears ran down his face because no one was able to open the scroll. John wept because he knew if there wasn't anyone "worthy to open the scroll" all of the consequences of sin from Adam and Eve would still be in effect for us today. Leaving all of mankind cursed, unable to be with God for eternity. We would be without hope and banished from the presence of God. But God, who sat on the throne was waiting for the perfect sacrifice who would be able to open the scrolls. Jesus was the sacrificial lamb sent down from God Himself. He alone can wipe away all sin. He alone is

worthy to take away the sins for you and me. You may ask yourself, Is He really worthy to cover all my sins? We are here to declare to you today... He is

SING: Is He Worthy? -Chris Tomlin

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-c6pl6CaiD0>

Narration 4:

In Revelation Jesus says, "I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and hades." Jesus the risen Christ has the authority to declare one saved from death and released into eternity of peace with God. Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth and the life and no one can come to the Father except through Me." To have the promise of eternity with God all you only have to declare with your mouth "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. If you have never declared this before, Jesus is calling you today, "come all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest." turn from your sins, and follow Me and you will be saved.

Once saved, all the promises of the Bible are for you. He gives wisdom and guidance, He gives those who believe in Him a part of Himself (the Holy Spirit) that guides and empowers us to resist the enemy and to live a life pleasing to God. This part of Jesus will give you authority to overcome your enemy. For He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. You see the enemy comes to steal, kill and destroy all that is good and pleasing to God. And that puts us in the middle of a war. But the war is not physical, for the Word says, "For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh." It also says that the weapons we fight with are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds, destroy arguments and every lofty opinion that raises itself against the knowledge of God.

So, as we sing this next song we invite you to celebrate with us the victory Jesus won for us. The overcoming power he has left within us. We invite you today to be strengthened and encouraged for we are sons and daughters of the Most High God. and He has overcome the curse of death in this world!

SING: Don't tread on me- We the Kingdom

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9dowS2k2TS4>

Narration 5:

When you become a believer in Christ and let Jesus be your Lord and Savior. You too can rely on the promises that God has for His people. One of those promises is Protection. When we have a protection that we can count on, all fear goes away. Scripture says that if we dwell in the presence of God, **if** we put our trust in God, seek safety in Him and **if** we love Him. –Then we don't have to fear, He will protect us. He says "when trouble comes, He will be there to deliver us, and whenever we call on His name, He will be there to answer us. Even if then thousand fall by our side, we will remain.

Unfortunately, for too long the enemy has gotten away with backing believers into a corner leaving us afraid to come out and live the life of freedom Jesus purchased for us on the cross. Christ says, we have nothing to fear, He is with us.

If we choose today to dwell in the presence of God, we can fully rely on His might, His power and His direction to see us through no matter what the enemy tries to throw at us.

SING: Crushing snakes -Crowder

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-TGkqjQfZyU>

Narration 6:

Scripture says, “we are dead” in our sins, when we live our lives conformed to the ways of this world and the devil. But because God loves us, and had mercy on us when he came, He made us alive with Him even though we are sinners. -He didn’t come only to save those who are “good” He didn’t die only for those who work hard enough to achieve a place in Heaven. Eternity with God is not something anyone of us can accomplish on our own. It was a free gift given by Jesus, through his death on the cross. He took the punishment of our sins and overcame them. He died freely of His own will to give everyone, (not just a special few) **-everyone** the opportunity to live with Him forever. But He has left it our choice to accept Him as Lord or not.

If you are hearing this today, God is giving you the opportunity to choose. He wants you to become what the Bible calls “a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people. It says that He has called you out so that you can proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;” God is reaching out to His people, calling out for all to be saved and come to the knowledge of Him. He is calling out to those who are saved to rise up and fulfill the purpose for which you were created.

As we sing, we announce to you, in obedience to the Holy Spirit’s guiding, to Rise Up body of Christ. -Be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist and fulfill your ministry.

SING: Rise Up- Cain

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LAcRxNbUThs>

Dad closes and invites congregation to worship with us:

SING: Breathe on Us- Kari Jobe

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LTfjathzHi4>