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Holy Week

Matthew 26:14 – 27:66

Our Lenten journey has brought us to this holy place in the story — a place where we remember, where we pause, and where we follow Jesus more closely.

This week, we walk with Jesus through some of the hardest moments of his life. We see betrayal, sorrow, suffering, and the cross. It is not an easy story to hear. Yet it is a story of love — a love so deep that Jesus, the Messiah, the One who saves, does not turn away.

He sits at the table with his friends, even knowing one will betray him.

He prays in the garden, even while feeling alone.

He stands before those who accuse him, even when he has done no wrong.

And he carries the cross, step by step, out of love for the world — out of love for you.

In the later years of our life, we understand something about moving through hard days. We know what it means to face loss, to wait, to rely on others, and sometimes to feel alone. Holy Week reminds us that Jesus knows these experiences too. He has walked that road. He is not far away from us in our suffering — he is right there with us.

And this is the quiet
promise of Holy Week:

Nothing we face is faced
alone.

Even in the darkest
moments of this story, God
is at work. Even at the
cross, love is not defeated.
Though we wait for Easter
morning, we already know
this — the story does not
end here.

So this week, we
remember.

We sit with the story.

We are present with Jesus.

And we trust that the One
who gave his life for us is
still holding us, still loving
us, and still leading us
toward hope.

Prayer:

Loving Jesus, as we pass
through this holy week,
stay close to us. In our
struggles, remind us that
you understand. In our
loneliness, remind us that
you are near. Help us to
trust your love, even when
the path is hard. Hold us in
your care and lead us
toward your promise of
new life. Amen.

In Christ's Love,

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