

TEXT: Matthew 26:1-2

¹ **WHEN JESUS had ended this discourse, He said to His disciples,**

² **You know that the Passover is in two days—and the Son of Man will be delivered up treacherously to be crucified. Amplified**

INTRO: The Passion of the King can be found/seen in Matthew 26:1-27 and verse 66. {Mark 14:1-15; vs.47; Luke 22:1-23; vs. 56; John 13:1-19).

Passover was a celebration that commemorated the Israelites' flight from Egypt in the days of Moses (**Exodus 12**). The timing of Jesus' death (at Passover) confirms His identity as the new Moses who will lead His disciples on a new spiritual exodus.

Dr. Ryrie: *after two days* = two days from now. The events recorded in **Matthew 26:1-5** occurred on Wednesday. *Passover*. This was the ancient Jewish festival commemorating the deliverance from Egypt. It was followed immediately by the seven days' Feast of Unleavened Bread, and the entire festival was often called "Passover." See notes on **Exodus 12:11** and **Acts 2:1**.

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The temporal reference Passover **takes place after two days** means that Jesus' prophecy was given on Tuesday.

I never get tired of listening to this Easter meditation from Dr. Shadrach Meshach Lockridge (March 7, 1913 – April 4, 2000) who was a prominent African American minister and author.

He served as the Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in San Diego, California from 1953 to 1993. He was known for his preaching across the United States and around the world.

BODY: This morning/tonight I want to share a few things concerning our Sermon Title “It’s Friday But Sunday’s Comin.

1st Matthew 26:39-50

³⁶ Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder.

³⁷ And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy.

³⁸ Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.

³⁹ And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou *wilt*.

⁴⁰ And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour?

⁴¹ Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak.

- ⁴² He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.
- ⁴³ And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy.
- ⁴⁴ And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.
- ⁴⁵ Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take *your* rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.
- ⁴⁶ Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me.
- ⁴⁷ And while he yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people.
- ⁴⁸ Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he: hold him fast.
- ⁴⁹ And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, master; and kissed him.
- ⁵⁰ And Jesus said unto him, Friend, wherefore art thou come? Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took him.

It's Friday - Jesus is praying - Peter's a sleeping - Judas is betraying - *But Sunday's Comin'*

2nd Matthew 27:11-26

- ¹¹ And Jesus stood before the governor: and the governor asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And Jesus said unto him, Thou sayest.
- ¹² And when he was accused of the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing.
- ¹³ Then said Pilate unto him, Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee?
- ¹⁴ And he answered him to never a word; insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly.
- ¹⁵ Now at *that* feast the governor was wont to release unto the people a prisoner, whom they would.
- ¹⁶ And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas.
- ¹⁷ Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ?
- ¹⁸ For he knew that for envy they had delivered him.
- ¹⁹ When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him.
- ²⁰ But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus.
- ²¹ The governor answered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you? They said, Barabbas.
- ²² Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? *They* all say unto him, Let him be crucified.
- ²³ And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified.

²⁴ When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but *that* rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed *his* hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye *to it*.

²⁵ Then answered all the people, and said, His blood *be* on us, and on our children.

²⁶ Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered *him* to be crucified.

It's Friday - Pilate's struggling - The council is conspiring - The crowd is vilifying - They don't even know - *That Sunday's Comin'*

3rd Matthew 26:69-75

⁶⁹ Now Peter sat without in the palace: and a damsel came unto him, saying, Thou also wast with Jesus of Galilee.

⁷⁰ But he denied before *them* all, saying, I know not what thou sayest.

⁷¹ And when he was gone out into the porch, another *maid* saw him, and said unto them that were there, This *fellow* was also with Jesus of Nazareth.

⁷² And again he denied with an oath, I do not know the man.

⁷³ And after a while came unto *him* they that stood by, and said to Peter, Surely thou also art *one* of them; for thy speech betrayeth thee.

⁷⁴ Then began he to curse and to swear, *saying*, I know not the man. And immediately the cock crew.

⁷⁵ And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly.

It's Friday - The disciples are running - Like sheep without a shepherd - Mary's crying - Peter is denying - But they don't know - *That Sunday's a Comin'*

4th Matthew 26:67; Matthew 27:26-31a

Matthew 26:67 "Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him; and others smote *him* with the palms of their hands,"

Matthew 27:26-31 ²⁶ Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered *him* to be crucified.

²⁷ Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band *of soldiers*.

²⁸ And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe.

²⁹ And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put *it* upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews!

³⁰ And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head.

³¹ And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify *him*.

It's Friday - The Romans beat my Jesus - They robe him in scarlet - They crown him with thorns - But they don't know - *That Sunday's Comin'*

5th Matthew 27:31b-34 ³¹ And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify *him*.

³² And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name: him they compelled to bear his cross.

³³ And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull,

³⁴ They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted *thereof*, he would not drink.

It's Friday - See Jesus walking to Calvary - His blood dripping - His body stumbling - And his spirit's burdened - But you see, it's only Friday - Sunday's Comin'

6th Matthew 27:35-37 ³⁵ And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots. ³⁶ And sitting down they watched him there; ³⁷ And set up over his head his accusation written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS."

It's Friday - The world's winning - People are sinning - And evil's grinning.

7th Matthew 27:38-44 ³⁸ Then were there two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left.

³⁹ And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads,

⁴⁰ And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest *it* in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross.

⁴¹ Likewise also the chief priests mocking *him*, with the scribes and elders, said,

⁴² He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him.

⁴³ He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God.

⁴⁴ The thieves also, which were crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth."

It's Friday - The soldiers nail my Savior's hands - To the cross - They nail my Savior's feet - To the cross - And then they raise him up - Next to criminals - It's Friday - But let me tell you something - Sunday's Comin'

8th It's Friday - The disciples are questioning - What has happened to their King - And the Pharisees are celebrating - That their scheming - Has been achieved But they don't know - It's only Friday - Sunday's Comin'

9th Matthew 27:45-46 ⁴⁵ Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour. ⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

It's Friday - He's hanging on the cross - Feeling forsaken by his Father - Left alone and dying - Can nobody save him? - Ooooh - It's Friday - But Sunday's Comin'

10th Matthew 27:50-56 ⁵⁰ Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

⁵¹ And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

⁵² And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,

⁵³ And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

⁵⁴ Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.

⁵⁵ And many women were there beholding afar off, which followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto him:

⁵⁶ Among which was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's children.”

It's Friday - The earth trembles - The sky grows dark - My King yields his spirit.

11th It's Friday - Hope is lost - Death has won - Sin has conquered - and Satan's just a laughin'

12th Matthew 27:57-66 ⁵⁷ When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple:

⁵⁸ He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered.

⁵⁹ And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,

⁶⁰ And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed.

⁶¹ And there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulchre.

⁶² Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate,

⁶³ Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again.

⁶⁴ Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first.

⁶⁵ Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make *it* as sure as ye can.

⁶⁶ So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.”

It's Friday - Jesus is buried - A soldier stands guard - And a rock is rolled into place - But it's Friday - It is only Friday - **Sunday is a Comin'**

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Daniel 7:13-14 (KJV) ¹³ I saw in the night visions, and, behold, *one* like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

¹⁴ And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed.

Although some have maintained that the son of man is the archangel Michael or a collective personification of the "holy ones of the most high" (vs. 18), this One is none other than the divine Messiah Himself, who will fulfill the destiny of humanity (Psalm 8; Hebrews 2:5-18).

Jesus understood it to be a messianic title (Mark 14:61-62), and He used it to speak of Himself. Later rabbis saw it as one of the names of the Messiah.

CONCLUSION: If you don't have a personal relationship with the Savior...remember this:

Our Blessed Savior came to earth and for nine (9) months occupied a borrowed womb.

But it's Friday - It is only Friday - Sunday is a Comin'

Our Blessed Savior was crucified and for Six (6) hours occupied a borrowed Cross.

But it's Friday - It is only Friday - Sunday is a Comin'

Our Blessed Savior was buried and occupied for Three (3) Days a borrowed Tomb.

But it's Friday - It is only Friday - Sunday is a Comin'

Prayer and Invitation: