

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP 2020

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Opening Prayer – God, today, as your Son hangs on the Cross, you become ever so silent. I think of my children and Grandchildren too, what LOVE I have for them! I can't imagine how much it pained you to turn away, but you remained silent out of love for ME. Thank You for loving me that much. Amen.

Today Is GOOD FRIDAY. "God's Friday" which led to the Resurrection, and also led to the GOOD NEWS – *Christ is died, Christ is Risen! Christ will come again!*

PLAYERS – We have some "Good Friday Players"

- Judas (Matthew 27:1-10.).
- Pilate (Matthew 27:26 Mark 15:15, Luke 23:1-25 John 18:28-40)

*Any differences?

- Simon of Cyrene (Matthew 27:32-33, Mark 15:21, Luke 23:26)

*Simon had two young boys: Alexander & Rufus. Romans 16:13 speaks of Rufus. Perhaps the same. Cyrene is located in modern day Libya, So, Simon was probably dark skinned African. Acts 2:10 also speaks of Alexander & Rufus. Interesting, huh?

- The Thieves (Luke 23:32-43) is probably my favorite. It has revealed to me that when we die, we go straight into the presence of Christ. We do not lay in a grave and "wait" as some have thought. I hope you find comfort in the passage.

- John the Disciple (John 19:25-27) How must have John felt as Jesus entrusted his Mother into his care?

- The Soldiers (Matthew 27:27-31, 54) How must the soldiers have felt? Some taunted, some believed.

- Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus – I love both of these guys. Joseph gives up a tomb to bury Jesus. Nicodemus – he's the Pharisee that has a nighttime conversation with Jesus and is forever changed.

(Only John 19:39 mentions that Nicodemus was with Joseph. *Go back and read John 3:1-21

LOCKDOWN – The Disciples are either scattered or on LOCKDOWN now ... in the same Upper-Room they had left with Jesus not even 24 hours prior. It is now Sabbath no one moves. So quiet Except for their FEAR and GRIEF.

*What are you feeling? How are you coping with being “IN” during this time of COVID-19 “Shelter In Place”? For me, it kind of sheds some light on how the Disciples are feeling in this moment. Reflect on this ... as we wait for the SONRISE together.

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*Pray As you rest tonight.