

# GOOD FRIDAY 2023

## IT'S NOT OVER

### "Forsaken / Into Your Hands / Finished"

<sup>15</sup> Later, Levi invited Jesus and his disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners. (There were many people of this kind among Jesus' followers.) <sup>16</sup> But when the teachers of religious law who were Pharisees saw him eating with tax collectors and other sinners, they asked his disciples, "Why does he eat with such scum?" <sup>17</sup> When Jesus heard this, he told them, **"Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do. I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners."**  
**Mark 2:15-17 (NLT)**

<sup>21</sup> God made **him who had no sin to be sin for us**, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.  
**2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV)**

<sup>33</sup> At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. <sup>34</sup> And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" (which means **"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"**)  
**Mark 15:33-34 (NIV)**

## 1. THE TRUE PAIN OF THE CROSS WASN'T PHYSICAL.

<sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: **While we were still sinners**, Christ died for us. **Romans 5:8 (NIV)**

<sup>6</sup> I offered my back to those who beat me and my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard. I did not hide my face from mockery and spitting. **Isaiah 50:6 (NLT)**

<sup>4</sup> Surely, he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup> **But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.** <sup>6</sup> We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us

has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him **the iniquity of us all.** <sup>7</sup> He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. **Isaiah 53:4-7 (NIV)**

- 1. THE TRUE PAIN OF THE CROSS WASN'T PHYSICAL.**
- 2. THE TRUE PRICE WAS BEYOND OUR COMPREHENSION.**

<sup>28</sup> Later, **knowing that everything had now been finished**, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty."<sup>29</sup> A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips.<sup>30</sup> When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "**It is finished.**"

**John 19:28-30a (NIV)**

<sup>44</sup> It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon,<sup>45</sup> for the sun stopped shining. And **the curtain of the temple was torn in two.** <sup>46</sup> Jesus called out with a loud voice, "**Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.**" When he had said this, he breathed his last. **Luke 23:44-46 (NIV)**

<sup>23</sup> The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread,<sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."<sup>25</sup> In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup **is the new covenant** in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, **in remembrance of me.**"<sup>26</sup> For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (NIV)**

- 1. THE TRUE PAIN OF THE CROSS WASN'T PHYSICAL.**
- 2. THE TRUE PRICE WAS BEYOND OUR COMPREHENSION.**
- 3. THE TRUE MEANING OF GOOD FRIDAY IS THE PURPOSE OF COMMUNION.**