

# TRANSITION

“HOPE... A New Beginning”

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## Reflection... Recapturing His Journey

- He **came and lived** among us, yet we did not fully get to know or understand **who he was!**

- The time had come for Him **to be known** and STILL **HAD NOT been accepted!**

<sup>10</sup> He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him. <sup>11</sup> He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. John 1:10-12 (NLT)

- He had lived out a **committed, clear** and **defined** mission ...heading up to Jerusalem!

- He was willing to **INVITE and INCLUDE** others to be part of a **life-changing** mission with Him!

<sup>17</sup> As Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside privately and told them what was going to happen to him. <sup>18</sup> “Listen,” he said, “we’re going up to Jerusalem, where the Son of Man will be betrayed to the leading priests and the teachers of religious law. They will sentence him to die. <sup>19</sup> Then they will hand him over to the Romans to be mocked, flogged with a whip, and crucified. But on the third day he will be raised from the dead.” Matthew 20:17-19 (NLT)

- The climax of “**DEE-DAY**” (the crucifixion) ...was all about **fulfilment and transition** at the same time!

<sup>28</sup> Jesus knew that his mission was now finished, and to fulfill Scripture he said, “I am thirsty.” <sup>29</sup> A jar of sour wine was sitting there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put it on a hyssop branch, and held it up to his lips. <sup>30</sup> When Jesus had tasted it, he said, “It is finished!” Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. John 19:28-30 (NLT)

<sup>44</sup> By this time it was about noon, and darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock. <sup>45</sup> The light from the sun was gone. And suddenly, the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn down the middle. <sup>46</sup> Then Jesus shouted, “Father, I entrust my spirit into your hands!” And with those words he breathed his last.

<sup>47</sup> When the Roman officer overseeing the execution saw what had happened, he worshiped God and said, “Surely this man was innocent.” <sup>48</sup> And when all the crowd that came to see the crucifixion saw what had happened, they went home in deep sorrow. <sup>49</sup> But Jesus’ friends, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance watching. Luke 23:44-49 (NLT)

## Hope... An Opportunity For A New Beginning!

- Without **FRIDAY**, we would not have had **SUNDAY** to come and **celebrate NEW LIFE!**

<sup>53</sup> Then he took the body down from the cross and wrapped it in a long sheet of linen cloth and laid it in a new tomb that had been carved out of rock. <sup>54</sup> This was done late on Friday afternoon, the day of preparation, as the Sabbath was about to begin. <sup>55</sup> As his body was taken away, the women from Galilee followed and saw the tomb where his body was placed. <sup>56</sup> Then they went home and prepared spices and ointments to anoint his body. But by the time they were finished the Sabbath had begun, so they rested as required by the law. Luke 23:53-56 (NLT)

- Resurrection Sunday sets us up to **live a life of HOPE** ...anticipating **new beginnings**, no matter what!

**24** But very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> They found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. <sup>3</sup> So they went in, but they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup> As they stood there puzzled, two men suddenly appeared to them, clothed in dazzling robes. <sup>5</sup> The women were terrified and bowed with their faces to the ground. Then the men asked, “Why are you looking among the dead for someone who is alive? <sup>6</sup> He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Remember what he told you back in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be betrayed into the hands of sinful men and be crucified, and that he would rise again on the third day.” <sup>8</sup> Then they remembered that he had said this. Luke 24:1-8 (NLT)

- He has always wanted us to live this life with **eternity in mind:** **close, upfront and connected** with Him!

- Hope tells us to **HOLD ON, KEEP LOOKING**, and **KEEP EXPECTING** His appearance at any moment!

<sup>44</sup> Then he said, “When I was with you before, I told you that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and in the Psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup> And he said, “Yes, it was written long ago that the Messiah would suffer and die and rise from the dead on the third day. <sup>47</sup> It was also written that this message would be proclaimed in the authority of his name to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem: ‘There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.’ <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of all these things. <sup>49</sup> “And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven.” Luke 24:44-49 (NLT)

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