

EASTER MESSAGES 2011
A NIGHT OF UNBEARABLE SADNESS
ISAIAH 53:3–7, 10, 12



The Heart of the Matter

If you knew you had less than twenty-four hours left to live, how would you spend that time? Most people don't pause long enough to consider how they might answer that question. Jesus thought about that question, and He spent His final hours with His disciples and in prayer—before He was arrested, condemned, and crucified. Now, it's our turn to stop long enough and ponder what Jesus accomplished on the cross, how His death might change our lives, and what His death might mean if we had only a few more hours to live.



Discovering the Way

1. Behold the Lamb

Hebrews 12:3 commands us to “consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself.” How do we do that? How do we do this thing that isn't pleasant and doesn't come naturally?

2. Behold the Man of Sorrows (Isaiah 53:3–7, 10, 12)

Few can bear to linger too long here; the scene is too grotesque and the suffering too agonizing. But linger here we must.



Starting Your Journey

We have unhinged ourselves from the troubles of the world for a few moments. Now, it's time to come to the cross in faith, confessing our sins, and asking the Father of our Lord Jesus to forgive us and make us clean.



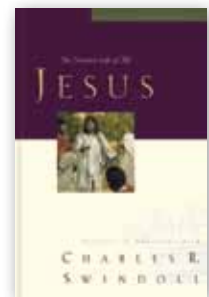
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