

# Holy week

Devotional

# Introduction

Holy Week is the sacred journey through the final days of Jesus' earthly ministry—beginning with His triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and moving step by step toward the cross on Good Friday and the empty tomb on Easter Sunday. It is a week filled with tension, sacrifice, humility, betrayal, suffering, and ultimately victory. Each day invites us to slow down and walk closely with Jesus as He fulfills the mission of redemption.

For believers, Holy Week is more than a historical remembrance; it is a spiritual invitation. It calls us to reflect on the depth of Christ's love, the weight of sin, and the power of resurrection hope. By intentionally engaging with Scripture and prayer throughout this week, we realign our hearts with the gospel story—remembering that salvation was not abstract, but personal and costly.

This devotional is designed to help you enter into the story with fresh awareness. As you read, reflect, and pray, allow the events of Holy Week to shape your perspective, deepen your gratitude, and renew your devotion to Jesus. May this time prepare your heart not only to celebrate the resurrection, but to live daily in the transforming power of the cross and the risen Christ.



## S - Scripture

Open your Bible to your reading for the day and take time absorbing the text.



## O - Observation

What do you sense God is saying to you in this scripture? Be thoughtful here. Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and reveal His heart to you.

Write your observations down.



## A - Application

Personalize what you have read, by asking yourself how it applies to your life right now. How can you live out this text?

Write down your intention.



## P - Prayer

End your time with prayer. This can be as simple as asking God to help you use this scripture, or even a prayer for a greater insight on what He might be revealing to you.

# Sunday

## Palm Sunday

The King Enters Jerusalem

### Scripture:

Luke 19:28–44

### Observation:

Jesus enters Jerusalem to cheers and celebration, yet many misunderstand the kind of King He truly is. They expect power and political victory, but Jesus comes in humility, riding a donkey and bringing peace through sacrifice. Even as the crowds rejoice, Jesus weeps over a city that does not fully see Him.

We, too, can celebrate Jesus while missing His deeper work in our lives. Palm Sunday invites us to welcome Him not just as Savior in theory, but as Lord in practice — surrendering expectations and trusting His greater plan.

### Application:

Where might I be trying to shape Jesus into my expectations instead of surrendering to His leadership?

### Prayer:

Jesus, help me receive You as You truly are — humble, holy, and worthy of my full surrender.

### NOTES:



# Monday

## Holy Monday

Cleansing the Temple

### Scripture:

Mark 11:15-19

### Observation:

Jesus cleanses the temple, confronting practices that distort true worship. His actions reveal that God desires hearts fully devoted to Him, not just outward religious activity. The temple had become busy but spiritually empty — full of motion yet lacking transformation.

This moment invites us to examine our own spiritual lives. Are we simply going through the motions, or are we cultivating genuine connection with God? Jesus' cleansing is not meant to condemn but to restore purity and purpose.

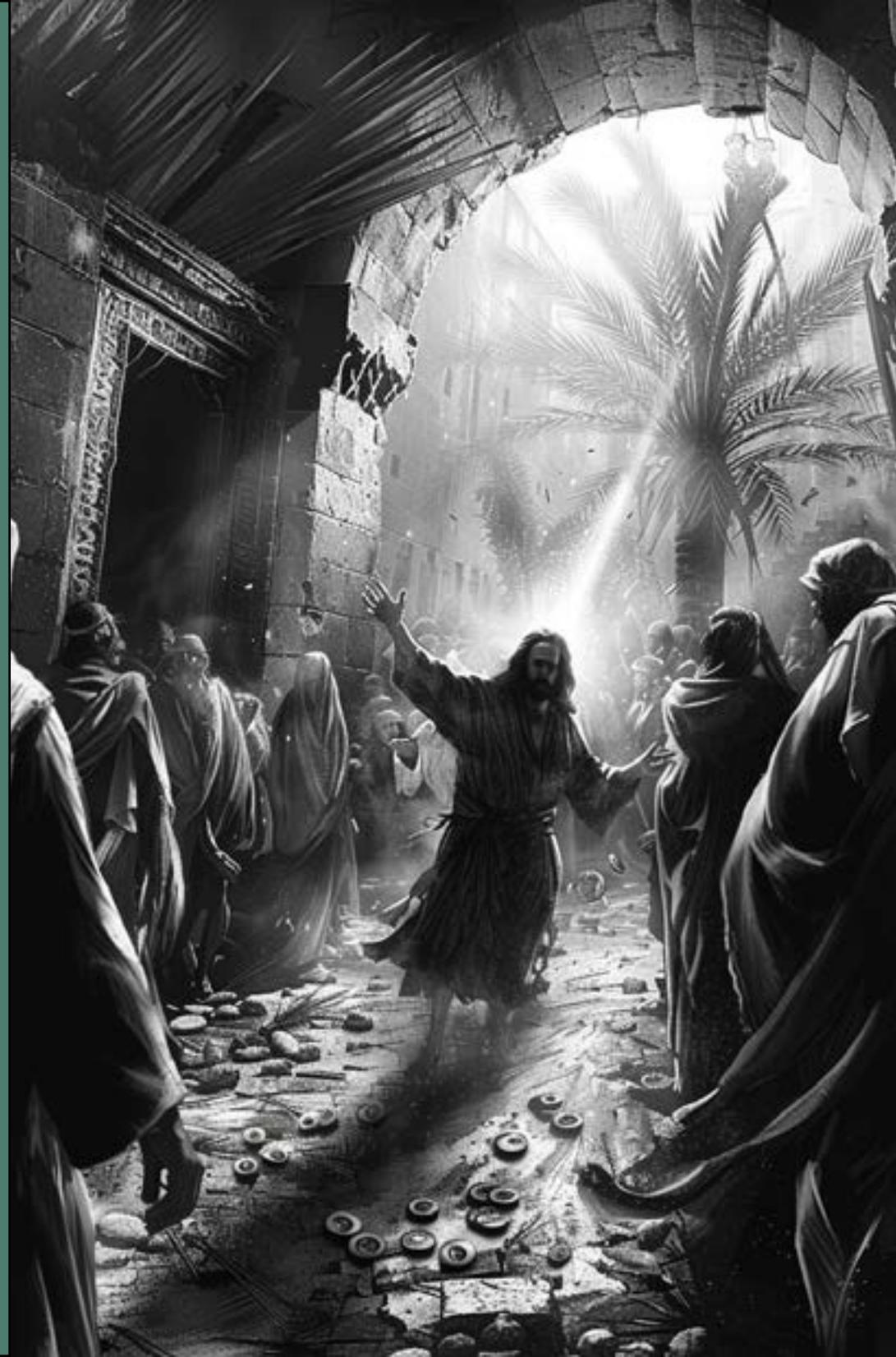
### Application:

What distractions or habits might be crowding out genuine worship in my life?

### Prayer:

Lord, cleanse my heart and make my life a place where Your presence is honored.

### NOTES:



# Tuesday

## Holy Tuesday

Teaching and Warning

### Scripture:

Matthew 25:31–46

### Observation:

Jesus teaches about living faithfully and loving others in tangible ways. True faith is revealed not only in belief but in action — serving the hungry, caring for the hurting, and reflecting God’s compassion. Our everyday choices matter in God’s kingdom.

Tuesday’s message reminds us that following Jesus is not passive. It requires readiness, attentiveness, and a willingness to live out love in practical ways.

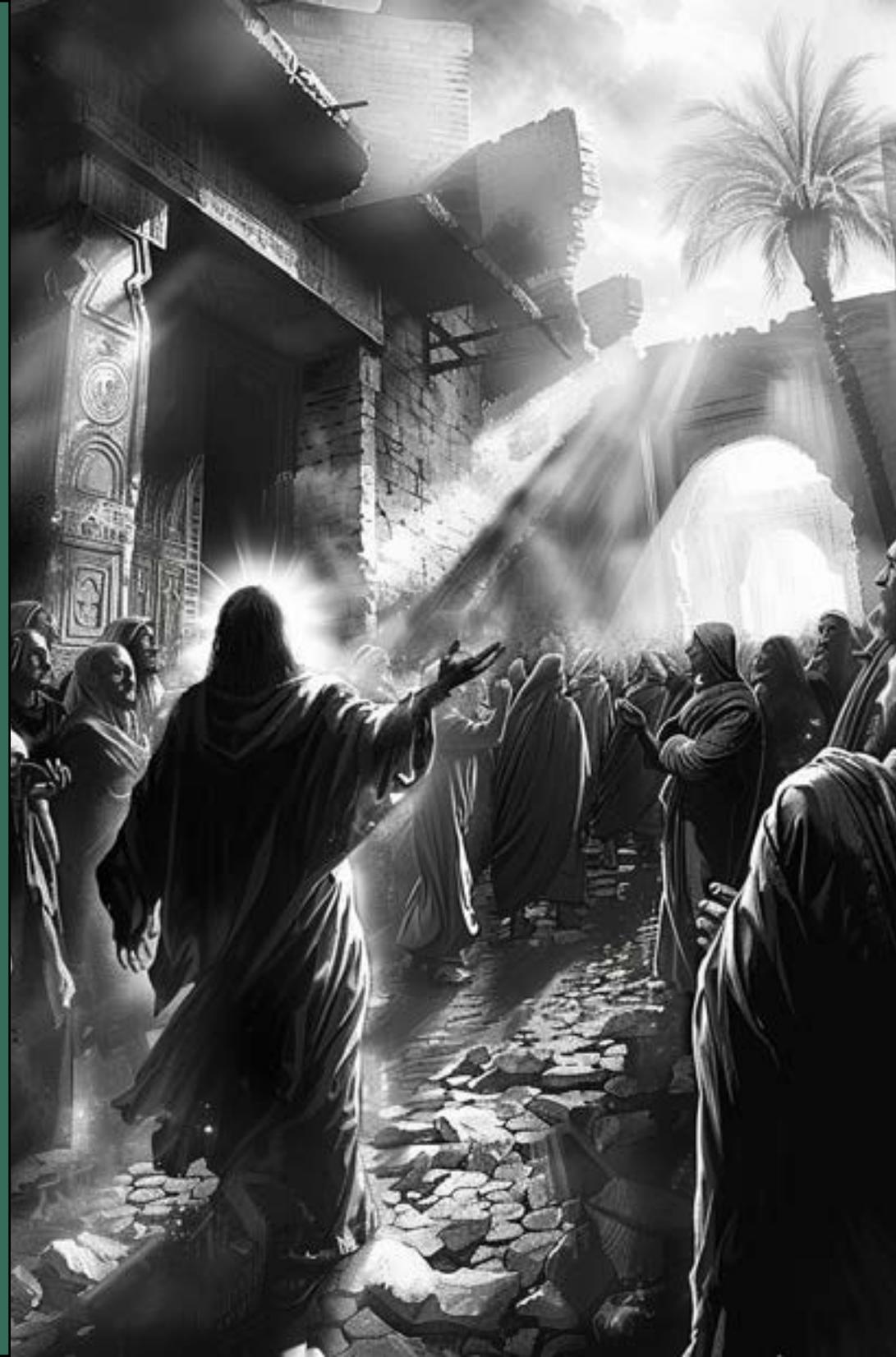
### Application:

How can I actively reflect Christ’s love through my actions this week?

### Prayer:

Father, help my faith move beyond words into loving action toward others.

### NOTES:



# Wednesday

## Holy Wednesday

Devotion or Betrayal

### Scripture:

Matthew 26:6-16

### Observation:

A woman pours expensive perfume on Jesus in an act of extravagant devotion, while Judas quietly agrees to betray Him. These two responses stand in stark contrast — wholehearted love versus hidden compromise.

This day invites honest self-reflection. Our devotion is not measured by words alone but by our willingness to give Jesus our best, even when it costs us something.

### Application:

What does wholehearted devotion to Jesus look like in my current season?

### Prayer:

Jesus, help me choose devotion over compromise and love You with my whole heart.

### NOTES:



# Thursday

## Maundy Thursday

The Last Supper and the Garden

### Scripture:

John 13:1-38

### Observation:

At the Last Supper, Jesus kneels to wash His disciples' feet even the feet of the one who would betray Him. He shows that greatness in God's kingdom is defined by humility and sacrificial love. Then He commands His followers to love one another just as He has loved them.

This moment challenges us to see love not as a feeling but as a lifestyle. Serving others reflects the heart of Christ and reveals the transforming power of His presence in us.

### Application:

Who can I intentionally serve or love today in a Christlike way?

### Prayer:

Lord, shape my heart to love others with humility and grace.

### NOTES:



# Friday

## Good Friday

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The Cross

### Scripture:

John 19:16–30

### Observation:

On the cross, Jesus bears the weight of sin and suffering, offering forgiveness and reconciliation with God. His words, “It is finished,” declare that the work of redemption is complete — nothing more needs to be added to His sacrifice.

Good Friday reminds us that grace is not earned; it is received. The cross reveals both the seriousness of sin and the depth of God’s love. Through Christ’s sacrifice, we are invited into freedom, forgiveness and new life.

### Application:

What burdens or guilt do I need to surrender at the foot of the cross?

### Prayer:

Jesus, thank You for Your sacrifice. Help me live in the freedom You have given.

### NOTES:



# Saturday

## Holy Saturday

Trusting in Silence

### Scripture:

Psalm 27

### Observation:

Saturday represents waiting — the quiet space between loss and resurrection. The disciples experienced confusion and grief, unsure of what would come next. Yet even in silence, God was still at work.

We all face seasons where answers feel distant and hope seems hidden. Holy Saturday reminds us that God's faithfulness is not limited to what we can see. Waiting can become a place of deep trust and quiet transformation.

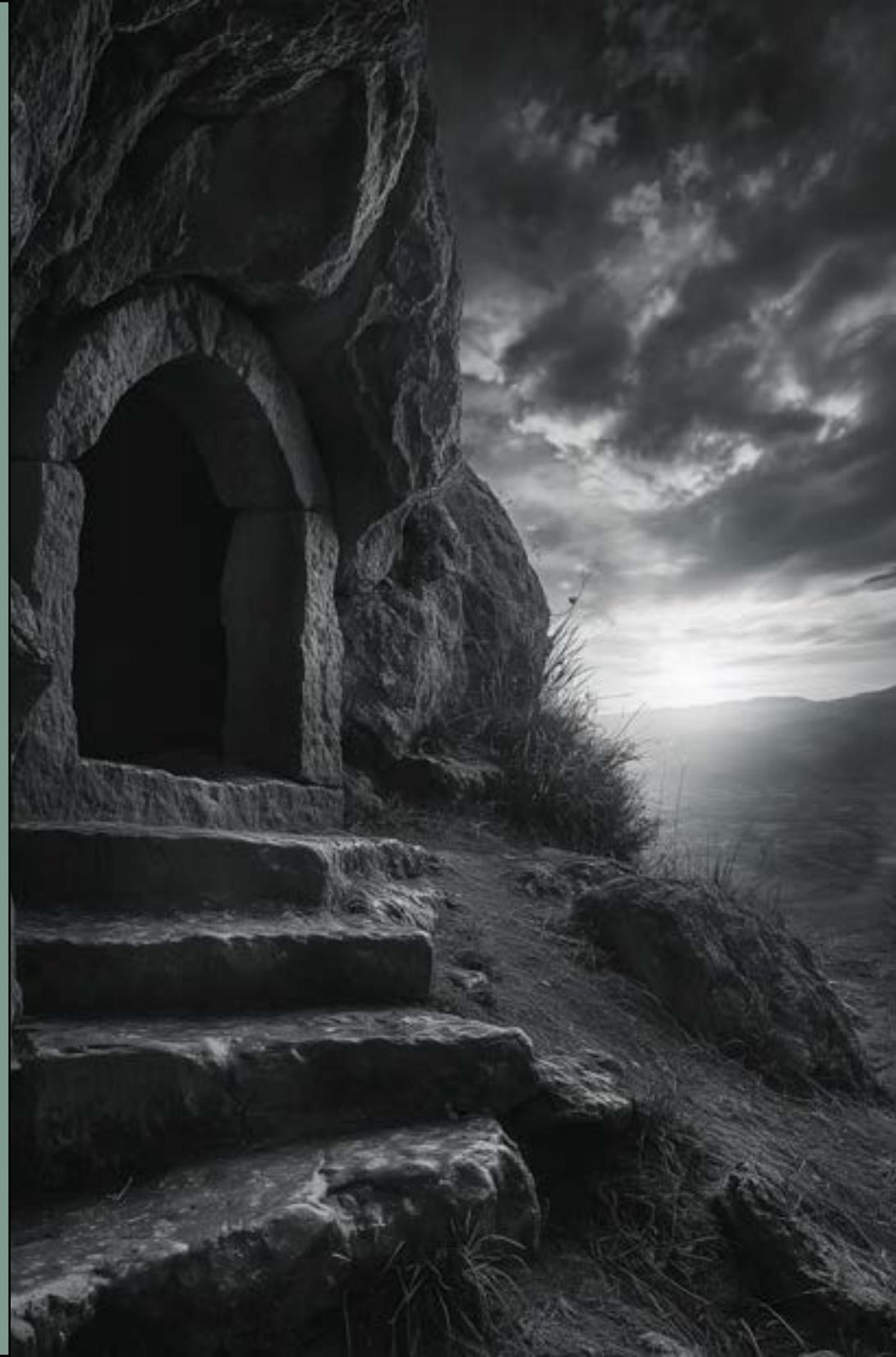
### Application:

Where am I being invited to trust God even when I cannot see the outcome?

### Prayer:

Lord, teach me to trust You in the quiet seasons and rest in Your faithfulness.

### NOTES:



# Sunday

## Resurrection Sunday

He Is Risen

### Scripture:

Luke 24:1-35

### Observation:

The empty tomb changes everything. Jesus rises from the dead, proving that sin and death do not have the final word. Fear turns into faith, sorrow becomes joy, and confusion gives way to clarity as Jesus appears to His followers.

The resurrection is not only a historical event — it is a present invitation into new life. Because Christ lives, hope is alive, and we are called to live boldly as people transformed by His victory.

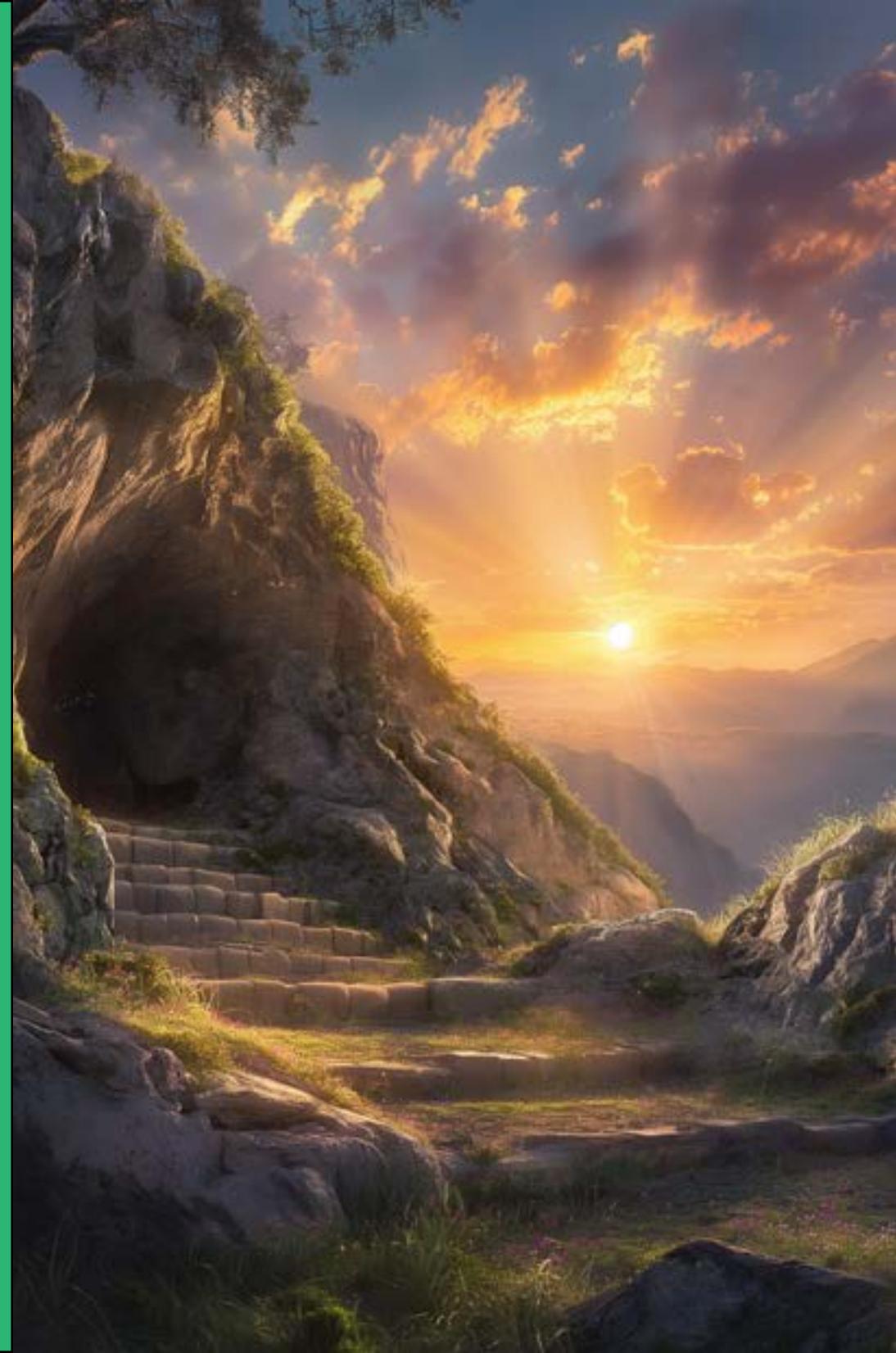
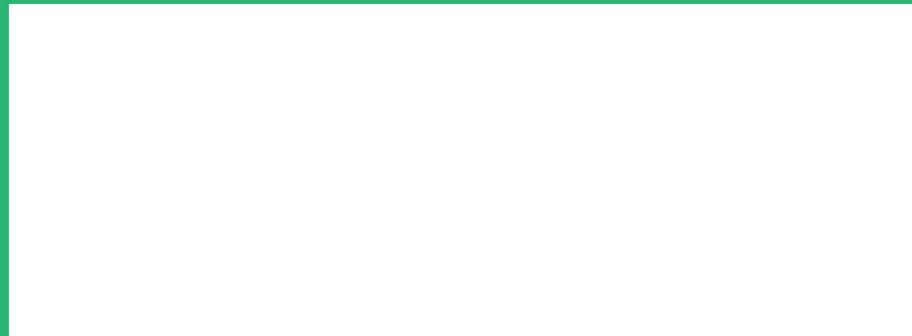
### Application:

What area of my life needs resurrection hope today?

### Prayer:

Risen King, fill my heart with hope and help me walk in the new life You have given.

### NOTES:





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