

GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 3, 2026

PHIL. 2:7-8 NLT

1. Jesus humbled, emptied, stripped Himself: Left His glory, became a man, a servant, obedient to die a criminal's death. **JOHN 13** tells us before dying, He washed the feet of His disciples. A ceremony too demeaning for even a Jewish slave. It was a disgusting task. The streets were filled with filth and animal waste. This is why Peter saw it as highly inappropriate. Jesus made two points: we all need washed and we are to follow His example afterwards.
2. The Hallel Psalms: **PS. 113-118 PS. 113-114** are sung during the meal, **PS. 115-118** after the final cup of wine. **PS. 118:17** is prophetic and messianic. **PS. 118:21-24** are also. They celebrate God's salvation and prefigure the Messiah's victory over death. Imagine Christ singing on the way to be betrayed, falsely accused and crucified.
3. At the Rock - **MT. 26:38-39**: The victory was won at the rock. The challenge involved the will of the Father and of the Son. The first Adam failed, but not the second Adam. He chose to become sin, be separated from the Father, become the law's curse, and suffer God's wrath. The travail of His soul. Travail means painful, laborious effort.
4. Rejected of men: **IS. 53:1-3** Despised, rejected, hated by the world so that we could be accepted in Heaven. The religious leaders (His own); people He taught and healed; Roman soldiers; Judas, Peter. The world today—most persecuted people.
5. Crucified, died and buried: God made sure He was dead (just as Elijah made sure his sacrifice was water soaked). His death could not be denied. It was public – the flogging, the carrying of the Cross, Crucifixion, the other two had their legs broken. The spear in the side. The Roman guard, the embalming process, the sepulcher, the stone, the witnesses. Christ died. They had to make up stories. Friday has come, the Lamb was slain and left in a tomb, forsaken of God. Friday is here, but Sunday's coming!

