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**DAY OF REFLECTION STUDY GUIDE**

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This Reflection is designed so it can be utilized in multiple settings.

## IN-PERSON DAY OF REFLECTION\*

The ideal experience is in-person at Calvary Church's White Bear Campus on Good Friday, April 18, 2025. Each individual reading is enhanced with visuals that bring the scenes to life.

*\*In-Person Day of Reflection Experience is recommended for ages 8 and up.*

## ONLINE DAY OF REFLECTION, OR AT HOME THROUGHOUT HOLY WEEK

Experience this Reflection at home in one sitting or read one Reflection each day of Holy Week. This can be done individually, or as a family. There are six Reflections, so plan accordingly.

**Need an abbreviated Reflection for yourself or younger participants?** Just read the introduction to each Reflection, the Prayer, and the Before you Go.

## WHEN USED AT HOME, THESE ITEMS WILL HELP BRING EACH REFLECTION TO LIFE:

### REFLECTION ONE

**You will need:** A Band-Aid.

### REFLECTION TWO

**You will need:** A piece of paper and a red marker or red watercolor paint and a brush.

### REFLECTION THREE

**You will need:** A small cup of red wine/grape juice/water. Pour it into a container at the end.

### REFLECTION FOUR

**You will need:** A small piece of paper. Write a distraction on it and place it in your Bible.

### REFLECTION FIVE

**You will need:** A computer or phone to click on the link to the video (it may not be available).

### REFLECTION SIX

**You will need:** A paper and red marker. Draw a red heart, cut it out. Remove the Band-Aid and replace it with the heart (use a piece of tape to put it on).

**Listen to:** Invest time worshipping and reflecting on the words of Chris Tomlin's song, Holy Forever. (Words on page 18) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B2pG7J5SSx4>

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**When Adam sinned, sin entered the world.**

—ROMANS 5:12

## INTRODUCTION

The serpent inclined its head, eyes gleaming with silent encouragement. Beside her, Eve's husband waited, watching, saying nothing.

In the middle of the garden, the tree stood, unrivaled in its splendor. The low-hanging fruit glistened in the sunrise, shiny and luscious, tantalizing in its beauty. Its sweet aroma wafted through the air and filled her nostrils, tickled her taste buds, and set her mouth to water. The longer she gazed, the more irresistible it became—not just for its taste, but for the promise it held.

“Could the serpent be right?” Eve wondered. “Could this not only taste amazing but make us more like God—knowing good and evil?”

Desire welled up within her. She could resist no longer. With an unsteady hand, she plucked the fruit, brought it to her lips, sank her teeth into its exotic flesh, and reveled in its forbidden sweetness. As she swallowed, Eve offered the fruit to Adam. Without hesitation, he swiftly bit into it. Their eyes widened.

A slow grin spread across the serpent as he savored the moment realization dawned. Horror twisted their faces as knowledge flooded in. Knowledge of good and evil. What they had done was evil. Instead of living forever in companionship with God, Adam and Eve, God's precious children, were now going to die, just as God had warned.

The serpent could contain it no longer. His body doubled over in delight as his evil, hissing laughter filled the air. He had won. Or so he thought...

“The LORD God said to the serpent, ‘Because you have done this... I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.’”

—Genesis 3:14-15

The path to victory over sin and death would be agonizing—for God, for humanity, and above all, for His Son, the ultimate sacrificial Lamb.

Our prayer is that today you become more aware of how deeply you are loved through the story of God's precious Lamb—who willingly came to take away your sin.

Sincerely,

Beth L. Dutton, for the Day of Reflection team

# Reflection One

## For the wages of sin is death...

—ROMANS 3:23 (NIV)

At that moment, their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness, So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves.

When the cool of the evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the LORD God walking about in the garden. They hid from the LORD God among the trees.

Then the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?”

He replied, “I heard you walking in the garden, so I hid. I was afraid because I was naked.”

“Who told you that you were naked? The LORD God asked [even while knowing the answer]. “Have you eaten from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat?”

The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.” Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?”

The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

—Genesis 3:7-13 (NLT)

## FURTHER REFLECTION

Adam and Eve tried to “play games” with God. The first was Hide and Seek.

Why did they hide? Nakedness makes one vulnerable, and vulnerability exposes pride. Sin had stripped them bare—not just of their innocence, but of their security. Shame—an uncomfortable covering—clung to them as they stood before the LORD, exposed.

When God called out, they knew He would see everything. So they played yet another game—the “blame game.” But God saw the naked truth. He always does.

## ASK YOURSELF

The tree was in the middle of the garden. Adam and Eve would have passed it many times. Had it ever tempted them before? If it had, they would have been wise to keep their distance.

Temptation itself is not sin. Jesus was “tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin” (Hebrews 4:15). Acting on it is.

What tempts you to sin?

Pride? Overeating? Lust? Impulse spending? Watching too much TV? What you watch on TV or the Internet? Gaming? Gambling? Substance abuse? Gossip? Resentment? Foul language? Money? Overwork? Laziness—choosing comfort over effort? Cheating—in school, sports, work, taxes, or relationships, Pornography, Not obeying your teacher/mother/father? Being mean to a sibling or coworker? Worry? Holding a grudge, neglecting responsibilities, Vanity—obsessing over appearance, Social status, How many likes on social media, Envy—feeling jealous of others success or possessions—or connections, Lying—telling small or big lies to avoid consequences, “Pity parties,” Excessive bragging? Self-reliance/Self-confidence? Peer pressure?

## PRAYER

Like Adam and Eve, we play Hide and Seek. We build a wall between God and ourselves and find it hard to come out from behind it when there is unconfessed sin in our life. We also play the “blame game” and try to blame someone or something else for our sin. Decide right now to quit playing games. Spend a moment confessing the sin that so easily can trip you up. Thank Jesus for His forgiveness.

Jesus has given us the antidote to temptation in some of His last words to His disciples.

“Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak” (Mark 14:38).

Lord, I confess that my spirit is willing, and my flesh is weak. I have sinned and fallen short. Help me not to fall into temptation—especially in \_\_\_\_\_ area that’s so hard for me. When I do sin, may I not hide it but confess it right away. Help me not to blame circumstances or others when I sin. Thank you for forgiving me! Help me to watch and pray so that I will not fall into temptation again.

In Jesus Name,  
AMEN (Based on Mark 14:38)

## BEFORE YOU GO

It was ugly, and it was about to get uglier. To protect them from the elements they would soon experience outside of the garden—God showed them they were still loved. He made their first set of durable clothing.

“And the LORD God made clothing of animal skins for Adam and his wife... And the LORD God banished them from the Garden of Eden, lest they eat from the Tree of Life and live forever.”  
—Genesis 3:21,23 (NLT)

Proverbs 27:26 says, “The lambs will provide you with clothing.” Many scholars believe the first death in history was that of a lamb, slain to cover up the exposed nakedness of Adam and Eve’s sin. It was a foreshadowing—a symbol of the cost of sin and the price of redemption. (Check out our real sheep skin on the way out.)

“For the wages of sin is death” (Romans 6:23 NLT).

Pick up the animal skin Band-Aid and either put it on or take it with you as a reminder that the first sin cost the life of an innocent animal. More animals would be sacrificed until God provided the final Lamb.

# Reflection Two

**When I see the blood, I will pass over you.**

—EXODUS 12:13B (NLT)

The father felt the weight of the knife in his raised hand as the sun slowly descended in the western sky, marking the close of just another ordinary day as a slave in Egypt. Tonight would be anything but ordinary. As he brought the knife down a cry shattered the silence.

“Daddy, No! What are you doing?” His eldest son’s voice quivered with anguish. “Why did you kill the lamb? It was perfect—our very best one.”

The father checked the lamb to make sure no bones had been broken, then turned to his son, urgency tightening his voice. “I do this for you, my son. At midnight, the LORD will pass through Egypt, striking down every firstborn son. Even the firstborn of the livestock. But after this, Pharaoh’s officials will beg us to leave. We must be ready.”

He reached for a bundle of hyssop branches, dipping them into the lamb’s blood. “The LORD has commanded us to sacrifice a lamb without blemish, so that we may be spared. Now, come—help me.”

Together, they brushed the blood across the top and sides of the door frame, ensuring their home was marked. As they worked, the father explained, his voice firm but gentle.

“When the LORD sees the blood on our door frame, He will pass over us. The destroyer will not enter our home. The blood of this perfect lamb will save us—save YOU—tonight.”

His hand weighed upon his son’s shoulder. “Come inside, quickly. We will eat right away! Make sure you have everything you need to leave rapidly—for we don’t know when Moses will give the signal.”

As they stepped into the house, the night deepened, heavy with silence as the people waited in anticipation of what would come next.

## FURTHER REFLECTION

Months earlier, The LORD God had said to Moses,

“Therefore, say to the people of Israel: ‘I am the LORD.

- I will free you from your oppression.
- I will rescue you from your slavery in Egypt.
- I will redeem you with a powerful arm and great acts of judgment.
- I will claim you as my own people, and
- I will be your God...
- I will bring you into the land I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
- I will give it to you as your very own possession. I am the LORD!”

—Exodus 6:6-8 (NLT)

The LORD was about to rescue His people from 400 years of slavery—what incredible news! You’d think they would have been overjoyed to hear it, right? Start getting ready right away? Wrong!

“So Moses told the people of Israel what the LORD had said, but they refused to listen anymore. They had become too discouraged by the brutality of their slavery.”

—Exodus 6:9 (NLT)

## ASK YOURSELF

It had been 400 years of captivity and brutality—that is a long time to wait to be rescued. (We have a hard time waiting a few extra minutes in line for coffee!) Yet in less than a year, they went from doubting God’s word to having their bags packed, ready to leave.

How did they move from such deep discouragement that they couldn’t even entertain the thought of freedom to fully embracing it? From hopelessness to boldly demanding gold and silver from their Egyptian masters? From fearing for their lives to courageously sacrificing a lamb, marking their doorposts with its blood, and trusting completely that God would see, protect, and deliver them?

The answer is simple—they saw God in action, faithfully fulfilling His promises.

They witnessed God transform the Nile River and all the water sources into blood. Next, hordes of frogs swarmed the land, covering every surface. The dust of Egypt turned into gnats, followed by relentless swarms of flies that filled Egyptian homes. A deadly plague struck only the livestock of the Egyptians, leaving their herds decimated. Painful boils and sores broke out upon the people, afflicting them with suffering. Then came a devastating storm of hail and fire, destroying Egypt’s crops and livestock. Swarms of locusts followed, consuming every remaining plant. And finally, an overwhelming darkness engulfed Egypt for three days. With each demonstration of God’s power, their faith grew stronger.

How can we fight discouragement? How can we cultivate that kind of faith?

Start with being aware of what God has done for you today or this past week. Then think back, remembering where you witnessed God at work in your own life. Write it down—because recognizing and remembering His faithfulness strengthens our trust in Him. This is why God commanded the annual celebration of Passover—to ensure His people would never forget His mighty works.

As you read through them, circle the areas where you struggle in your faith.

- **Salvation**—Believing in Jesus’ grace and the promise of eternal life.
- **Healing**—Trusting Jesus for physical, emotional, and spiritual healing.
- **Provision**—Having faith that God will provide for your needs.
- **Guidance**—Relying on the Holy Spirit to direct your path and decisions.
- **Protection**—Believing in God’s protection in times of danger or uncertainty.
- **Relationships**—Trusting Jesus to strengthen and restore relationships.
- **Forgiveness**—Having faith to forgive others and accept Christ’s forgiveness.
- **Purpose**—Believing that your life has meaning and a divine plan.
- **Trials & Suffering**—Trusting that God is working even in difficult times.
- **Waiting**—Having patience and faith in God’s perfect timing.
- **Ministry & Calling**—Trusting that the Holy Spirit equips and empowers you to serve.
- **Parenting**—Believing the Holy Spirit will guide you in raising your children.
- **Miracles**—Having faith that God can do the impossible.
- **Overcoming Fear and Worry**—Trusting God to replace it with peace and courage.
- **The Future**—Having confidence that Jesus holds your future in His hands.

Reflect on the areas of your life where your faith is weak. Remind yourself of God’s past faithfulness. Let these reminders build and renew your faith. Spend time in prayer, asking Him to strengthen your trust in these areas. When you do this regularly you will discover that your awareness of Him at work in your life increases.

“Let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting Him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ’s blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water. Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep His promise.”

—Hebrews 10:22-23 NLT

## PRAYER

Dear God, Today I am struggling to have faith in the area of \_\_\_\_\_. Help me to hold tightly without wavering to the hope I affirm, for you can be trusted to keep your promise.

AMEN (Prayer based on Hebrews 10:23)

## BEFORE YOU GO

On the table, you’ll find brushes with hyssop and red paint. The Israelites painted blood on their doorposts—a symbol of the lamb that died just to save a few. As a Christian, paint a cross—a reminder that the Lamb of God, Jesus, died to take away the sin of the world!

“People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood.”

—Romans 3:25 (NLT)



# Reflection Three

## Look! The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

—JOHN 1:29

Over 1500 years later...

“I have never seen so many people in one place,” Peter muttered. Instinctively, his fingers felt for the money purse inside his cloak. It was secure. Jesus entrusted him and John to find the appointed location for the Passover meal and had put them in charge of preparations. “John, how are we ever going to find a certain man carrying a jug of water in this crowd?”

John quickly side-stepped another lamb. He shook his head, “I’ve never seen these many lambs before either.”

“Peter, wait!” John grabbed his arm, “see that man over there?” His voice was urgent, his eyes wide with recognition. “Doesn’t he look like John the Baptist? John always did stand out in a crowd.”

John sighed, lost in memory. Being a follower of John the Baptist had shaped him and led him to follow Jesus. He had learned so much from him.

“Peter, there’s something John the Baptist said that I’ve never understood.”

“What was it?” Peter asked, glancing at him.

“Remember the day John saw Jesus? He couldn’t contain his excitement and cried out, “Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29).

“No matter how hard I try, I’ve never understood what John meant. Jesus—a lamb? How could that make sense?” John scratched his head in puzzlement.

Peter sighed. “I guess it’s just another mysterious thing about Jesus that we may never fully understand.”

Just then, his eyes locked onto something in the crowd. “Hey! Look! Over there! It’s the man with the water jug! Come on, John, let’s follow him. We have a Passover supper to prepare!”

## FURTHER REFLECTION

That night, the disciples could not grasp the profound significance their final Passover meal with Jesus would soon hold.

They had watched His hands heal the lame, restore sight to the blind, and hold little children. Now these same hands held the bread and broke it, declaring, “this is my body, given for you.”

After supper, He took the cup in His hands, lifted it up, and proclaimed, “This cup is the covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.”

Did His hands shake as He proclaimed this precious prophecy? In just a few hours He would stand in a trial that would lead to His crucifixion. His body would be given, sacrificed—for them and for you. His blood would be poured out—for them and for you. The pain would be excruciating but worth it.

The perfect Lamb of God would take away the sin of the world. Even yours.

## ASK YOURSELF

“For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world.”

—1 Peter 1:18-20a

Who do you know that needs to know Jesus, the Lamb of God?

## PRAYER

Is it you? Do you long for Jesus to save you? If so, pray the prayer below and invite Him into your life.

Dear Jesus, Thank you so much for loving me and sacrificing yourself for me. I confess that I am a sinner that needs you. I declare with my mouth that you, Jesus are Lord, and I believe in my heart that God raised you from the dead. Thank you that I am no longer a slave to sin, but a child of God's!

AMEN (Based on Romans 10:9 and Galatians 4:6-7).

Is it someone else? Take a moment to pray for them.

Dear Jesus, I pray for \_\_\_\_\_. That they might come to know you as their Lord and Savior, Father and Friend. Please help me to share your love with them.

AMEN

The world needs Jesus too. Pause to pray for a missionary that is taking Jesus to the world. (There are booklets on the table with missionaries Calvary supports if you need a name).

Dear Jesus, I pray specifically for \_\_\_\_\_, a missionary in \_\_\_\_\_. May they feel your peace, protection, guidance and love as they serve you, and may many be brought into your kingdom because of their faithfulness.

AMEN

## BEFORE YOU GO

On your way out, take a small cup that is filled with a symbol of Christ's blood. Pour it out into the pitcher provided by the cross. The filled cup represents the blood of the Lamb of God without blemish or defect, poured out on a cross, for you. Then proceed to Christ's trial.

# Reflection Four

**He was led like a lamb to the slaughter.  
And as a sheep is silent before the shearers, He did not open His mouth.**

—ISAIAH 53:7

Jesus was standing before Pilate, the Roman governor.

“Are you the king of the Jews?” the governor asked him.

Jesus replied, ‘You have said it.’

But when the leading priests and the elders made their accusations against Him, Jesus remained silent. ‘Don’t you hear all these charges they are bringing against you?’ Pilate demanded. But Jesus made no response to any of the charges, much to the governor’s surprise.”

—Matthew 27:11-14

Meanwhile, elsewhere in the palace...

“NOOOOO!” A bloodcurdling scream ricocheted off the bedroom walls and down the halls. Fear gripped the female slaves as they rushed to their mistress’s bedroom and knelt by her side.

“Wake up! Wake up!” they shook her gently, all the while avoiding her flailing arms. Suddenly her eyes flew open. In horror, she stared at the ceiling, fighting to catch her breath.

“It’s a dream. It’s only a bad dream.”

Drenched in sweat, she bolted upright in bed. Her breath came in ragged gasps. “This was no ordinary dream! It was a warning—a dreadful warning.” Pilate’s wife was fully awake, but no less terrified. “Fetch me a scribe at once! I must get a message to my husband immediately!”

As Pilate was sitting on the judgment seat, the messenger relayed his wife’s urgent message. “Leave that innocent man alone. I suffered through a terrible nightmare about him last night.”

—Matthew 27:19 (NLT)

Pilate wanted to release Jesus, finding no fault with him. However, the crowd shouted even more for Barabbas to be released instead, a known, brutal criminal. And what of Jesus?

“Crucify Him!” they shouted feverishly.

Pilate saw that he wasn’t getting anywhere and that a riot was developing. So he sent for a bowl of water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood. The responsibility is yours!”

So Pilate released Barabbas to them. He ordered Jesus flogged with a lead-tipped whip, then turned Him over to the Roman soldiers to be crucified.

—Matthew 27:24-26 (NLT)

## FURTHER REFLECTION

Sheep are defenseless creatures. No claws, no fangs, no spiky skin or turtle-like shell. Their little legs move slowly even when chased. Without shepherds—sheep would most likely not exist. Jesus chose to become a defenseless sheep—beaten, spit upon, slapped, mocked. All to save us.

He was oppressed and treated harshly, yet He never said a word.

He was led like a lamb to the slaughter.

And as a sheep is silent before the shearers, he did not open his mouth.

Unjustly condemned, He was led away.

—Isaiah 53:7-8a (NLT)

But He was pierced for our rebellion,  
crushed for our sins.

He was beaten so we could be whole.  
He was whipped so we could be healed.

But it was the LORD's good plan to crush Him  
and cause Him grief.

Yet when His life is made an offering for sin,  
He will have many descendants.

When He sees all that is accomplished by His anguish,  
He will be satisfied.  
—Isaiah 53 parts (NLT)

## ASK YOURSELF

All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the LORD laid on Him the sins of us all.

—Isaiah 53:6

Sheep stray. They wander. They are easily distracted, confused, or frightened. In this past week—how have you been led astray? Have you allowed confusion, distractions, or fear to prevent you from what God would have you do? Which of these reasons sum up why you might stray?

- **Distractions of the World**—Busy schedules, work, entertainment, family, social media and the “cares of this world” can take priority over spiritual life.
- **Hurt by Religion or People**—Negative experiences with churches or religious individuals can create resentment or doubt.
- **Unanswered Prayers**—Feeling like prayers go unheard can lead to frustration and distance from God.
- **Temptations & Sin**—The pull of worldly desires can gradually replace a commitment to faith. Focusing on other people's flaws/sins instead of our own.
- **Intellectual Doubts**—Questions about God's existence, suffering, or the Bible can create uncertainty.
- **Lack of Fellowship**—Isolation from other believers can weaken faith over time.
- **Gradual Drift**—A slow neglect of prayer, worship, and Scripture can lead to spiritual coldness.
- **Pain & Suffering**—Experiencing personal hardships can make people question God's goodness.
- **Pride & Self-Sufficiency**—Feeling like they don't need God or can handle life alone can cause distance.
- **Cultural Pressures**—Society's shifting values can make faith seem outdated or irrelevant.

Perhaps your reason is not on the list. Ask God to help you identify how you've strayed. Invite Jesus to help you to stay by His side.

Maybe you haven't just strayed. You have gotten lost! Today you have been found. Jesus is inviting you to follow Him back home.

## PRAYER

Dear Jesus, Help me to identify why I get distracted. Help me not to stray but stay focused on you. Thank you that if I get lost, you leave the 99 to find me. I want to return home with you. Thank you that you understand and forgive me.

AMEN

## BEFORE YOU GO

Use the Post-It note to write what reason might cause you to stray today then put it next to the Lamb that represents Jesus. Though tempted—like we are—He did not stray. You want to stay as close to Jesus as possible. That will keep you from wandering off.

# Reflection Five

**Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.**

—EPHESIANS 5:2

It's 9am—time to sacrifice the lambs. Worshipers file into the Temple.

Just outside the city, soldiers, mockers, and mourners file up a hill called Golgotha where the Lamb of God is being sacrificed. “It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified Jesus” (Mark 15:25 NCV).

His body is so battered that by the time He is forced to carry His cross, He stumbles, too weak to go on. Another is compelled to bear the weight for Him.

When they reach the place of execution, the cross is laid upon the ground. Unlike the two others, He does not resist but surrenders to it. A cry escapes His lips as the nails pierce His hands, then His feet. They raise the cross and drive it into the earth. With each strike, a fresh wave of agony ravages through His torn body. For the lambs in the Temple, the end was swift and humane. For the Lamb on the cross it would not be swift. The Lamb of God would endure six long, agonizing hours, writhing in torment. “This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us” (1 John 3:16).

## **To those who crucified Him**

“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do” (Luke 23:34 NLT).

## **To the criminal on the cross who believed**

“Today you will be with me in Paradise” (Luke 23:43 NLT).

## **To His beloved mother**

“Dear woman, here is your son.” Then He said to this disciple, “Here is your mother” (John 19:26-27 NLT).

## **To His God**

“My God, My God, why have you forsaken me” (Matthew 27:46).

Blood and spit crust upon His bruised cheeks and His swollen cracked lips. Thorns pierce his scalp; their cruel points press deeper with every movement. Yet death does not come—not yet. There is no rescue, no deliverance, for He is not merely a victim; He is the willing sacrifice.

## **To fulfill Scripture He said,**

“I am thirsty” (John 19:28 NLT).

They offer Him wine drugged with myrrh, but He refuses it (Mark 15:23 NLT).

## **To the world**

“It is finished!” (John 19:30 NLT).

## **To His Father**

“Father, I entrust my spirit into your hands” (Luke 23:46 NLT).

**“Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed for us” (1 Corinthians 5:7b NLT).**

## FURTHER REFLECTION

He never saw it coming. When Jesus was led to the cross, the serpent believed he was victorious—again! But he couldn't have been more mistaken.

He, [Jesus] canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross. In this way, He disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by His victory over them on the cross (Colossians 2:14-16 NLT).

The head of the serpent was struck! (See Genesis 3:15).

Take a moment to watch the video.

## ASK YOURSELF

“Death is swallowed up in victory.

O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?”

For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power. But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.

— I Corinthians 15:54b-57 (NLT)

## PRAYER

Dear Jesus, Thank you that I have been given victory over sin and death through you taking my sin and dying in my place. Thank you that because of your death on the cross—I will never die but will be with you in heaven.

AMEN (Based on I Corinthians 15:54b-57 NLT)

## BEFORE YOU GO

“Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes Him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life” (John 5:24).

On your way out, you will see tombstones—a tombstone is just a steppingstone to heaven for those who believe.

When you get to “Heaven,” write someone's name in the “Lamb's Book of Life” that you know is there already. If you know Jesus as your Savior—write your own!

# Reflection Six

**With His unfailing love He leads us—the people He has redeemed.  
In HIS might, He guides us to our sacred home.**

—EXODUS 15:13 (NLT)

“Behold! The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29 NKJV).

Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of Him who sat on the throne. And when He had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God’s people. And they sang a new song, saying:

“You are worthy to take the scroll  
and to open its seals,  
because you were slain,  
and with your blood you purchased for God  
persons from every tribe and language and people and nation.

You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God,  
and they will reign on the earth.”

Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they were saying:

“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength  
and honor and glory and praise!”

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying:

“To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb  
be praise and honor and glory and power,  
for ever and ever!”

The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

—Revelation 5:6-14 (NIV)

## FURTHER REFLECTION

Invest time worshiping and reflecting on the words of Chris Tomlin’s song—Holy Forever. (Words on page 18) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B2pG7J5SSx4>

## ASK YOURSELF

What in your life can you praise God for right now?

Invest some time doing just that.



## PRAYER

“How we praise God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every blessing in heaven because we belong to Christ. Long ago, even before He made the world, God chose us to be His very own through what Christ would do for us; He decided then to make us holy in His eyes, without a single fault—we who stand before Him covered with His love.”

—Ephesians 1:3-4 (TLB)

Thank you, Jesus, for making me holy in God’s eyes—without a single fault—because I am covered in your love.

AMEN

## BEFORE YOU GO

Take a moment to “Behold the Lamb!” Then exchange your Band-Aid of animal skin which represents sin with the heart to remind you that you are now covered in HIS sacrificial love. (Band-Aids with red hearts are in a basket by the door on your way out).

The sanctuary is open until 5pm for private prayer. The prayer room is open until 7pm.

Thank you for coming—may you have a blessed and Happy Easter as we celebrate the risen Lamb!

## SONG

### Holy Forever

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B2pG7J5SSx4>

Written by: Chris Tomlin, Brian Johnson, Jason Ingram, Jenn Johnson and Phil Wickham

Sung by: Chris Tomlin

A thousand generations falling down in worship  
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb  
And all who've gone before us and all who will believe  
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

#### CHORUS 1

Your name is the highest  
Your name is the greatest  
Your name stands above them all  
All thrones and dominions  
All powers and positions  
Your name stands above them all

#### CHORUS 2

And the angels cry, Holy  
All creation cries, Holy  
You are lifted high, Holy  
Holy forever

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb  
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb  
We'll sing the song forever and amen

#### CHORUS 2

Hear your people sing, Holy  
To the King of Kings, Holy  
You will always be, Holy  
Holy forever

#### CHORUS 1 (2 times)

And the angels cry, Holy  
All creation cries, Holy  
You are lifted high, Holy  
Holy forever (forever)

Hear your people sing, Holy  
To the King of Kings, (holy) Holy (holy is the Lord)  
You will always be, Holy, Holy forever (2 times)

# From the Author

“Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29 NLT).

As I wrote *Reflection 3* it came to me. John was speaking to an all-Jewish audience, and his words must have been shocking. The Israelites knew they were God’s chosen people, set apart as his own. If they even began to grasp what John meant by “Lamb of God” (and that’s a big if), they might have understood that Jesus could take away their sins.

But what about taking away the sin of the world? The Samaritans? The Romans? The Gentiles? God was coming as a King, their Messiah—to support them—not the unclean, uncircumcised rest of the world! He certainly wouldn’t sacrifice for THEM! Yet, that’s exactly what Jesus did. His sacrifice wasn’t just for the Jewish people—it was for everyone.

And so, I say, “Thank You Jesus! I am indescribably grateful for you—the Lamb of God, who sacrificed everything for me.”

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Blessings,  
Beth L. Dutton

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“A Layman looks at the Lamb of God” by Phillip Keller

