



Friday marks the final chaotic hours of Jesus' life. He is betrayed by a close follower; ushered from counsel to counsel; denied by a close friend; scourged, beaten, and mocked; then sentenced to be crucified by an angry crowd. He hangs upon a rugged cross for hours, receiving more shouts of ridicule and finally utters those sweet and profound words, "It is finished." He is then taken down and buried in an unfinished tomb. A stone is rolled in front and the powers that be guard the grave of Jesus. This is how we close Friday, the God-Man lay dead in a tomb fit for a commoner. Death looms in the air; King Jesus is dead. Silence fills the streets, and Jesus is dead. The disciples, more than likely, sit completely confused and in a panic. Jesus is dead; he lays lifeless in a tomb. The overwhelming flood of uncertainty fills their hearts. The chaos of the day leaves them bewildered and hurt beyond comprehension. Brothers and Sisters, we must remember, Jesus knows our pain; he knows our hurts, his lifeless body in that tomb affirms this. We are not alone in our suffering. Reflect today, and wait for tomorrow on the glorious work of God. Sunday is coming!

- **Read** Matthew 27:57-61, Luke 23:50-56, Mark 15:42-47, John 19:38-42

- After reading these scriptures, what stands out about this part of the last week of Jesus' life?

Waiting Saturday

guide for reflection

- What is surprising about these accounts of Jesus' burial?
- What questions do you have about Jesus' burial? (*Parents don't hesitate to say, "I don't know," if your kids ask a difficult question. Take some time to see if you all can answer it together by looking at other scriptures, context, or a good study bible*)
- Write down different feelings you think the disciples and those who followed Jesus are feeling at this point. Share that with each other.
- Of those feelings, which one do you relate to most? Which one do you see in each other most?
- **Read** Lamentations 3:22-24, then Psalms 102:25-28. How do these scriptures help with uncertainty, with difficulty, with all the waiting we are doing right now?
- **Pray:** Use your discussion from these questions to guide your prayers together. Ask God for specific help and mercy for the specific feelings you are having during this time of uncertainty.