

Do This: Remember Me

(Reflections on the Trial, Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ)

FOR JUNIOR CHOIR

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Joy
Nathaniel
Martha
Jephthah
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Narrator

In days long gone by, the people of God gathered in Jerusalem 3 times a year: On the Day of Atonement, when the high priest each year entered into the holiest place with evidence of the blood sacrifice, having made an annual offering for all the people; on the Feast of Tabernacles, when families left their homes for a week and in joyous thanksgiving to God, to live in temporary dwellings as they remembered journeying through the wilderness and how God faithfully provided for them those 40 years.

And when God's people gathered on the great Day of Passover to rejoice in God's faithfulness, and to remember when He freed them from slavery in a foreign land.

Recently, Jesus had entered Jerusalem with much acclaim riding on one of those typically stubborn little donkeys being surrounded by mobs and multitudes of people, coming to celebrate the Passover. We read, His entrance startled the city; it was a seismic event. Apparently, it was as if an earthquake shook the town. Can you imagine?

THIS IS THE DAY

(CHOIR)

(Joy enters, singing THIS IS THE DAY, as she's looking for flowers along the hillside.)

Narrator Now Jesus, the night He was betrayed, said to His disciples, "A little while, and ye shall not see Me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see Me? Verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy...

But I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no one taketh from you."

And without any social media, no text messaging, no email, not even a cell phone in town, our story begins.

(Nathaniel enters. LEVEL ONE - ground level/ aisle of sanctuary)

Joy Where have you been Nathaniel? For days, I haven't heard or seen anybody.

Oh, the Passover party with my family was fun. Well, except for all those hand-washings. You know lifting your hands above your head so the water runs down to your elbows - and NOT to your finger tips.

Nathaniel I know! 3 times before dinner! And 2 times after!

Joy Why? I don't know. Somebody a long time ago, said it was the law. And with all the Sabbath rules to keep... the Unleavened Bread to hide, and...

Martha (Martha enters taking large steps) 1,947... 1,948... 1,949... shh!

Joy Martha, I was just saying, I haven't seen anybody with it being my turn to do the weekly Sabbath preparation, and then to give the First Fruits offering at the Temple. Mom and Dad didn't let us go outside all week!

Martha Joy, it's difficult to remember all the things we're supposed to do, isn't it?

Nathaniel We only had time to collect a few chicken eggs. Then my oldest brother and I had to go to the Temple and sacrifice our little lamb. And you know, being the shortest, I had to go first... because it was mostly up hill, but when we got to the downhill slope, then my brother had to run and get in front.

Why? I don't know. But somebody... a long time ago said it was the law.

Martha My Father went to offer the lamb, but with the crowds I got lost in the Women's court. Boy! Was my Dad mad, so when we got home I had to grind flour for the special bread.

If we go out, my Dad makes us count out loud the 2,000 steps, but we have to stop at 1,950... just in case we got distracted or weren't paying attention.

Nathaniel Martha, I thought only my Father was strict!

People say that Passover is so fun, but at least all your relatives live in Jerusalem. You should see my house. Everybody comes! Grandpa Isaac and Grandma Becky arrive early in the week. So, of course, Uncle Jake and Aunt Rachel with those 2 cousins: Joe and little Ben have to come. Next, there's Aunt Leah and her 4 kids: Reuben and Simeon and Levi and Judah. Then there's goofy Aunt Bilhah and her 2 boys: Dan and Tali. And finally, Aunt Zilpah brings those 2 strangest of all cousins: Gad and Asher.

Joy I thought it was crazy around my house! Nathaniel, it sounds like your house is a certified zoo! Where's father Noah when you need him? (Jephthah and Eban enter.)

Nathaniel Hi, guys! Well Joy, on all these fun days... we have to sleep of all places in the cattle stall! Can you imagine? Where our old cow is mooing, and the chickens are cackling, and the dumb donkey always brays in the early morning. The smells... are not delightful!

Martha At least you didn't have to take care of your cute little lamb any longer.

Nathaniel Honestly, I can hardly remember the day Jesus entered into the city. It seems so long ago, doesn't it?!

Jephthah You're right! He really upset the religious leaders, didn't He?

Eban He sure did!

Joy He did? I was just thinking about Him when you showed up! I haven't seen anyone since, oh, 2 or 3

Martha You haven't seen anyone?

Jephthah Then I bet you haven't heard?

Joy Heard what?

Nathaniel Jephthah, with all the crazy relatives at my place, I don't really know what happened.. at first, but rumors definitely were flying all Passover night.

Martha I've heard rumors, too.

Jephthah Well, let me tell you what happened.. cuz we were there, on the scene. You know: eye-witnesses; we saw it all.

Joy Who is "we"? And what are you talking about?

Jephthah Well, let me tell you: me and my cousin, Eban. It all started the night of the feast when he stayed over. You know my family lives near Mark's house where his father is the Inn-keeper. Jesus and His followers had come to the Inn that night. It has that larger upper room, where they could eat the Passover.

Joy Well Jephthah, that's good to hear.

Jephthah But that's just where the story starts. After the party was over, sometime later in the evening, Mark came by my house, wrapped in his pj's, tossing corn through the window until we finally woke up. Hurrying to catch up with him, Mark told us the group of men had gone with Jesus out to the Mount of Olives.

Martha Jesus always goes to the Mount of Olives. He loves that place!

Jephthah But did you know? An angry mob came to Mark's house, led by Judas. All the commotion woke up Mark; and that's why he ran over to my place.

We followed the crowd as they rushed through the street, outside the gate and started up the hill, until Mark recognized... shadows among the olive trees in the Garden.

Eban We ran there, and Jesus was still praying.

Jephthah Finally, Judas came first. And you know, he was acting very strange...

Eban ...as if he was pretending he was being followed or something like that.

Jephthah Judas even came to Jesus and kept kissing Him. I think he was nervous.

Eban It was all dark, and yet, Jesus didn't seem to be surprised by any of it.

Jephthah As a matter of fact, Jesus seemed to be in charge.

GETHSEMANE
(JEPHTHAH/ CHOIR)

(Enter: 4 Friends)

Nathaniel Well Jephthah, if I see Judas, I'm going to tell him a thing or two! I mean, a guy could get angry.

Joy I can't believe it! What a traitor.

Friend 1 I know what you mean. I mean, who would want to betray Jesus? What had He done to anybody? Other than heal the sick, and help those in need.

Friend 2 Sounds like somebody needs an "attitude adjustment".

Nathaniel Do you want to go try and find Judas?

Friends (Sure! Let's! That's right. Come on!)

Jephthah But guys! That's not what Jesus taught us, is it?

Eban You're right, Jephthah. I've not always been the best friend to people I know.

Martha Hey, I've even betrayed my best friend. So, I guess I even need that "attitude adjustment" sometimes.

Friend 2 What you said, reminds me of what the prophet Isaiah said: He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief:

Friend 3 and we hid as it were our faces from Him; He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.

Friend 4 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way;

Friend 1 and the LORD hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Martha Sounds like the wrong person got an attitude adjustment.

THE DENIAL

(3 SOLOS)

Jephthah I wonder: Do we really believe Isaiah's message?
(LEVEL TWO)

Joy "All we like sheep have gone astray. And the Lord laid on him the iniquity of us all."

Nathaniel You know, ALL... means ALL... and no exception, doesn't it? Because, I'm part of ALL, that means Isaiah was talking to me about this guy.

Martha Jephthah, what happened next?

Jephthah Well after Jesus healed someone's ear, they took Jesus to the chief priest's house. Peter and another disciple went along...

Eban ...but by then, all the rest ran away.

Jephthah Even Mark ran back to his house... Yikes! He was in a hurry!

Joy Guys, it must have been late.

Eban It was; very late in the mid-night hour. We were getting a little tired, but I remembered there wasn't school in the morning, so we followed.

Jephthah They took Jesus to the priest's house where many religious leaders were gathering. Already there was a lot of whispering going on in the courtyard among the irritable donkeys and grunting camels and dumb sheep. What an unruly mob!

Eban And they took Jesus inside. Then, the door opened a second time...

Jephthah ...and fisherman Peter and the other great disciple (it looked like John)... they, too disappeared behind that door.

Joy Sooo?!

Jephthah Sooo what?

ALL (Everybody staring!)

Jephthah Oh! Well... then we waited! (pause)

Nathaniel Well, how long are you going to make us wait?!

Jephthah Well... not as long as we waited! (pause)

Group (ganging up) Jephthah!

Jephthah Oh! It was about an hour later. Things started happening fast. Peter suddenly appeared again, this time trying to avoid those standing around the fire pit.

Eban There was a cock-a-doodle-do that seemed to wake the fisherman up, and he ran off crying as he went.

Jephthah Next thing I remember is those sneaky, old religious leaders trying to pull a fast one, taking Jesus out the side door to Pontus Pilate, then on to Herod, and back again to Pilate...

Eban ...where he ordered Jesus taken to the Praetorium.

Joy They led Jesus to the Hall?

Eban That's exactly right!

Joy Why? What evil had He done?

Jephthah That's what we thought! And things just went from bad... to worse. But Jesus seemed to allow it. He did not resist: He actually remained calm in the whole matter.

BEHOLD, THE MAN!

(CHOIR)

(Enter: 4 more Friends)

Nathaniel Guys, that's what I heard. That's when my friends were stirring and got to my house. It was early, but the mid-night trial was over.

Friend 5 Yep! We saw the end of the illegal trial. We know the law says: "Sentencing could never be on the same day... as a guilty verdict."

Friend 6 That's right! "If the decision was: not guilty, then the person could be released to go free the same day."

Friend 7 But never was there to be a guilty verdict and a sentence of death on the same day. Never!

Friend 8 We even heard that Herod found in Jesus... nothing worthy of death...

Martha Well, of course not!

Nathaniel ...and he sent Him back to Pontus Pilate.

Joy So what's that all about?

Nathaniel Well, governments are always envious of anyone who has power and influence, who is not appointed by them. Actually, the governor saw that the religious leaders were working their evil because they envied Jesus.

Friend 5 By that time, we learned even Judas saw what he did was the work of a fool. But when his evil deeds were brought to light, he didn't even ask the Lord to forgive him.

Martha Can you imagine?

Nathaniel What a prideful foolish man he was.

Friend 6 Yeah, it's very easy for any of us to fall down. But it takes a really person who will trust the Lord of mercy, and turn to Him for help.

Friend 5 Those who truly turn to the Lord, He already said, No way will He refuse that one.

Joy And you get the impression, He will even wipe their tears from their eyes! He's a loving Father.

Jephthah So Jesus, having been given the sentence of death, was viciously beaten by the brutal soldiers.

Eban Is that why the prophet Isaiah said, The Lord's Servant would be wise and exalted; but at the same time, something about this Servant would cause people to be astonished and horrified, because His appearance would be so marred... that He would not even look human?

Jephthah I'm sure you're right! If Jesus was not the Messiah, He certainly did all the work of the Messiah.

Friend 7 One of the doctors said, If He is not the Messiah, then the world can never have a Messiah.

Joy Without a doubt, in all of history, there has never been any one... like Jesus.

Friend 7 Never!

Nathaniel Jesus, having been brutally beaten, was led out to carry a Cross to His death. And here is an amazing thing: As He labored through the streets to Calvary, a great company of people followed Him, and of women, many who had walked with Jesus that 100-mile journey all the way from Galilee.

Martha I've never walked 100 miles, have you?

ALL No!

Friend 5 As they bewailed and lamented Him... as they were loudly crying, Jesus continued teaching on His way to death; and He said, Daughters do not weep for Me.

DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM
(NATHANIEL/ CHOIR)

- Jephthah And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull, they gave Him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when He had tasted, He would not drink.
- Friend 8 And sitting down they watched Him there; And set up over His head His accusation written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE.
- Friend 1 Again, Isaiah the prophet said: Behold, My Servant shall deal wisely, He shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high.
- Friend 2 So shall He sprinkle many nations;
- Joy That's right, just like the high priest does who stands in front of the people and sprinkles them with the blood of the Lamb.
- Friend 2 Prophet Isaiah said, So shall He sprinkle many nations; the rulers shall shut their mouths before Him.
- Friend 3 Just a few days earlier, Jesus had said: Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.
- Friend 4 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me.
- Friend 2 This He said, signifying what death He should die.
- Friend 5 And they that passed by, reviled Him, wagging their heads, and saying, You who destroys the Temple, and builds it in three days, save Yourself,
- Friend 6 If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross.
- Friend 3 Likewise, the chief priests making fun of Him, with the scribes and elders, said, He saved others, He cannot save Himself?!
- Friend 7 Someone even said, If He be the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him. Ha-Ha-Ha!

Eban They thought what they were saying was funny!

Nathaniel And then the religious leaders having gone beyond what was right and proper, presumptuously stepped further over the line. They thought they spoke for God Himself.

Friend 8 He trusted in God; let Him deliver him now, if He will have him: for He said, I am the Son of God.

ALL Oh! Ho-Ho-Ho! Ha-Ha-Ha! So funny!

IF I BE LIFTED UP

(FRIENDS / CHOIR)

Jephthah And there were also 2 other criminals, led with Him to
be put to death.
(LEVEL THREE)

Nathaniel And when they were come to the place, which is called
Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals,
one on the right, and the other on the left.

Friend 1 The thieves also, who were crucified with Him, made fun
of Him.

Friend 2 And as they divided up His clothes and gambled for them,
then Jesus spoke, Father, forgive them; for they know
not what they do.

FATHER FORGIVE THEM

(CHOIR)

Jephthah Now, from the sixth hour (12 noon) there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour (3:00 o'clock).

Martha I remember. It was creepy!

Nathaniel And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthanni? That is to say, My God, my God, why had You forsaken Me?

Joy What?! Jesus started singing Psalm 22?

Nathaniel Yes, He did... in the language He probably learned as a child. It all was not what we expected. Each time Jesus seemed to grow stronger and stronger.

Martha Well you know: The joy of the Lord is our strength.

Eban Some of them that stood there, when they heard Jesus, said, This man calls for Elijah!

Jephthah It seemed like others even started to get on His side and shouted, Let Him be, stop mocking Him. Let us see whether Elijah will come to save Him.

MY GOD WHY HAD YOU FORSAKEN ME?
(CHOIR)

Nathaniel And the people stood beholding, paying attention.

Friend 3 But the rulers, the religious leaders, also derided Him, saying, He saved others; let Him save Himself, if He be Christ, the chosen of God.

Joy What? This... was their afternoon entertainment?

Friend 8 And did you notice? It started with envious religious leaders who turned up their noses and made fun of Jesus.

Nathaniel Then the soldiers made fun of Him, coming to Him, as if by this time, Jesus needed a little band aid. They offered Him vinegar... which He refused.

Friend 6 And one of the criminals who was hanged blasphemed Him, saying, Art You Christ? Save Yourself and us. Hahaha!

Friend 4 But the other watching it all, sizing up the situation rebuked that crazy criminal, and said, Do you not fear God? Don't you see you are in the same condemnation?

Jephthah Obviously, this one thief was desperately trying to make sense of what was going on. He had heard the verdict and Pilate say, I find no guilt in this Man.

Eban He had seen the jealous religious leaders, mocking Him. I bet he would never have gone to their church.

Friend 4 And he said to the other criminal, You are in the same condemnation! In a short while we will be as dead as this One.

Friend 5 For us, justice will be done; for we are guilty and will soon receive what is due us for our deeds. But this Man has done nothing wrong.

Friend 7 And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when You come into your kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Amen! I say to you, Today you shall be with Me in paradise.

JESUS REMEMBER ME
(SOLO/ CHORUS)

Jephthah John, when he heard the terrible illegal verdict, went to where Jesus' mother was and brought her and the other women to Calvary.

Friend 2 John tells us, Now there stood by the cross of Jesus, His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene.

Friend 1 When Jesus saw His mother, and the disciple standing by, whom He loved, He said unto His mother, Woman, behold, pay attention, your son! Then said He to the disciple, Behold, pay attention, your mother!

Eban And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.

WOMAN, BEHOLD YOUR SON
(CHOIR)

Narrator (LEVEL FOUR) After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, said, I Thirst. Now, there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge full of vinegar, and stuck it upon a hyssop branch, and put it to His mouth.

I THIRST

(SOLO)

Narrator When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, He cried out with a loud voice, It is finished:

And, pay attention, the veil of the Temple, the 6-story veil of the Temple... made of cloth the thickness of the palm of your hand; the veil - 60 feet tall and 30 feet wide; the veil that took 300 men to carry, that veil torn in two... from the top to the bottom. Can you imagine? What a shocking event to be witnessed by the 1,000s offering their little lambs at the Temple that day!

Luke, in a short time, would write, And the word of God increased; and the number of disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

They abandoned the ancient traditions and ceremonies of the Temple, to embrace the better way of faith.

Jewish history records the light of the candle stand in the Temple went out, never to be lit again... for nearly 40 years, when the Roman soldiers entered Jerusalem and destroyed the Temple.

And Jesus, having cried out with a loud voice, declaring the debt was paid in full, we read: He bowed His head as if gently resting His head on a pillow, and He gave up the Spirit.

IT IS FINISHED

(CHOIR)

Narrator Now when the Centurion (who had seen many executions, but none like this), when he saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a righteous man. And all the people that came together to that sight, having paid attention, to all that had happened, smote their chests, and went to their homes.

#1 And all His acquaintance, and the women that followed Him from Galilee (And did we hear that? Pay attention, These women had walked 100 miles! That's a 4 or 5 day journey by foot), they stood afar off, paying attention to these things.

#2 And pay attention, there was a man named Joseph, a counselor (the church father Jerome calls him Nobilis decurio, a high ranking minister in Caesar's Roman government). Joseph was a good and just man, (the same had not consented to the Sanhedrin and deed of the religious leaders). He was of Arimathaea, a city of the Jewish people. Joseph went unto Pilate, and demanded the body of Jesus.

#3 Joseph, this high-ranking official... with Nicodemus took the body down, and wrapped it in costly linen and very expensive spices used for the dead, and laid the body in a sepulcher that was carved in stone, wherein no man before had been buried.

From this record, we understand that the actions of these very professional men are consistent with what we know about the dead. These men expected what all normal people would expect: Jesus was dead; and He would be dead next month, and next year.

#4 And the women also which came with Him from Galilee, followed after, and paid attention to the sepulcher, and how His body was laid. And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the Sabbath day according to the commandment.

#5 And for 3 days and 3 nights, they rested and had plenty of time to consider all that happened.

Martha (And remember: women in most middle eastern cultures... even today, women are still not considered reliable witnesses. So how do these women help us understand the

truthfulness of this great Bible story, if it is only a fable?)

#6 Now, upon the first of the week, very early in the morning when it was yet dark, as the moon was shining, the women came unto the sepulcher, bringing the expensive spices which they had prepared.

Joy Obviously, the women had NO expectation of Jesus's body not being there. Obviously, they thought what the men thought: dead men will still be dead, and buried and in a sepulcher 3 days later.

#7 And to their amazement, they found the stone rolled away from the sepulcher. And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus. And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, pay attention, two men stood by them in shining raiment.

Martha And we read: as they were afraid (and I bet you and I would be afraid, too),

Joy And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, these two young men said (almost gently scolding them) they said unto them,

Narrator Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen: remember how He spake unto you when He was yet in Galilee, saying, the Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.

#8 And the women returned from the sepulcher, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest. Mark tells us: And they went out quickly and fled from the sepulcher; for they trembled and were amazed; and they were speechless; for they were afraid.

And Mark's account agrees with the apostle Paul, who uses those same words when he says: Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

Narrator John, the disciple whom Jesus loved, who stood by Jesus cross, who lived longer than all the rest of the disciples, John wrote:

ALL

And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing ye might have eternal life through His name.

HE LIVES! OUR RISEN KING

(CHOIR)

(For a Communion Service)

²⁷ Whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily...

(And notice the word is UNWORTHILY. It is an adverb modifying an *action*. It is not an adjective modifying an *actor*; the word is not: UNWORTHY... because no man, no woman and no child, young or old, saint or sinner ... could ever be WORTHY. That's why the Word says, we are made worthy by the blood of the Lamb.)

²⁷ Whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily...

(in an unworthy manner; in unworthy way. Paul will soon say, NOT DISCERNING THE LORD'S BODY. Not understanding what the LORD accomplished in His body when He went to the cross...)

[that one] shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. ²⁹ For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, **not discerning the Lord's body**. ³⁰ For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

(So Paul says, examine ourselves... and discern ourselves? NO! Get our eyes on Him. Discern what the Lord Jesus did. Paul says, see ourselves, see how we will always need what we cannot provide. And then Paul says, Discern and understand what the Lord Jesus did; understanding that can be seen in both the bread and the cup.

What does the cup represent? The Word tells us: All we like sheep have gone astray, turning to our own way; but the Lord laid on Him, the iniquity of us all. The Word tells us: Jesus asked the Father, If it be Thy will, take this cup from Me; nevertheless, not My will, but Thine be done. Obviously, the Father did not remove the cup Jesus drank... on Calvary as He poured out His life blood paying in full... once for all time, the debt of mankind. Without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness. And the blood of bulls and goats could save nobody. I could even give my blood, and it would save nobody. We are made worthy by the blood of the Lamb.

What does the bread represent? Because we learn God our Father who is merciful and kind, is also generous. The Word tells us: Jesus was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the reprimand of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed. The Word tells us: When the even was come, they brought unto Him many that were possessed with demons: and He cast out the spirits with His word, and healed all that were sick: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.

The Word tells us: Psalm 103: Bless the Lord, oh, my soul and all that is within me; Bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, oh, my soul and forget not all His benefits; who forgives all our sins; who heals all our diseases.

There is a CUP to remember the One who gave His life blood; who paid in full the terrible price that only He could pay; opening the door to life eternal.

There is BREAD to remember the One who gave His broken life; who said, I AM the Lord who heals thee; even in this life as we serve Him here and now.

Are we worthy of His forgiveness? No! Are we worthy of His healing? No! But, can we examine ourselves (and see I need forgiveness, and I need health)? Yes! And, can we discern what the Lord Jesus accomplished in His Body? Yes! He did what only He could do, substituting and giving up His perfect life for ours, and then die; that in faith, we would substitute and give up our broken and imperfect lives for His, and live.

In other words, GOD treated His Son the way we should be treated; that HE would treat us the way His Son should be treated. Now, that's amazing grace!

And looking at that CUP and at that BREAD, we find we have a starting point to relate to our Father: 2 reasons to always and often remember His Son... and to thank Him.)

And though John, the disciple whom Jesus loved, who lived longer than all the rest, did not even mention the BREAD and the CUP in his gospel record (apparently, he remembered and communed with Jesus all the days of his life), still the apostle Paul wrote,

²³ For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus the same night in which He was betrayed took bread:

²⁴ And when He had given thanks, He brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is My body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of Me.

²⁵ After the same manner also He took the cup, when He had supped, saying, this cup is the new testament in My blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.

²⁶ For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till He come.

DO THIS: REMEMBER ME

(CHOIR)

- #1 In Revelation 5: 2-5, 9-10, 12... John writes: Who is worthy to open the book and to loose the seals thereof?
- #2 And no one in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.
- #3 And I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.
- #4 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah,
- #5 the Root of David, has prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.
- #6 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof:
- #7 for Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by Thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;
- #8 And has made us unto our God, a kingdom of priests: and we shall reign on the earth.
- ALL Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing.

WORTHY IS THE LAMB
(CHOIR/ CONGREGATION)