

# PASSION SERVICE SCRIPT – ROCK OF GRACE 2024

## A CROWN OF THORNS & A GARDEN

Welcome - Announcements and Opening Prayer...

**SONGS WITH LIVE BAND ARE BLUE VIDEOS FOR SCREENS ARE GREEN**

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**00 PASSION SERVICE START (WHILE PEOPLE ENTER ...)**

**01 PASSION 2024 WELCOME (JORDAN WILL WELCOME)**

### **SONG: IN CHRIST ALONE**

We are here tonight to remember Jesus, our suffering King. Our King who wore a crown of thorns, a crown He chose to wear. It was He could have avoided but didn't. As we'll see throughout the night. He chose to. He chose to suffer. He chose to lay His life down. He chose to take our place.

JESUS WAS CROWNED KING OF THE JEWS

### **02 CROWNED KING OF THE JEWS**

I am going to recount the events surrounding his death by sharing them as though I am reading a story – not just any story, but another chapter in the Greatest Story ever told. Let's begin with Jesus entering His final days on earth. Isn't it amazing – the timeline correlates with the annual Passover Celebration? Passover was a feast - a celebration for the Jewish people. It commemorates the night the Israelites were freed from Egypt - when God allowed the Death Angel to "pass over" the homes marked by the blood of a lamb – saving the first-born sons inside those homes, from death.

When each family put the lamb's blood over their doorpost and they escaped death, they didn't know they were doing something prophetic - something Jesus was going to fulfill years later.

And now, Jesus, the Lamb of God, was entering the city of Jerusalem to shed His blood – to save all who would believe in Him from eternal death. The perfect Passover Lamb of God had arrived. This festival was aligned by the Jewish calendar and even sync to the universe. In the same sovereignty that allowed the Jupiter "King" start to settle overtop the barn in Bethlehem 33 years earlier, that same sovereign plan of God was still unfolding as now Jesus would enter into His destiny.

Jesus had been preparing Himself for this moment for 33 years. During the past 3 years He said, on more than one occasion, "My time has not yet come." And, after performing a miracle, He would often say, "Do not tell anyone what I have done for you!"

It is clear – timing is everything! God the Father had set the timing of all this in motion and Jesus was coming

As Jesus entered Jerusalem on that first day of his final week on earth, He knew His time had come ...

Not to gather more disciples.

Not to perform another miracle.

But to fulfill the ultimate purpose for which He came.

\*AS WE SING THE REST OF THE SONGS TONIGHT YOU CAN STAY SEATED.

### SONG: SWEETLY BROKEN

### 03 GENERAL CROWN AND BACKGROUND

As the crowds cheered and welcomed Jesus into the city, the religious leaders had already been actively plotting his death.

Jesus had been teaching that He didn't come to bring peace, but a sword – a sword that demolishes established norms - a sword that separates family members against one another; a sword that divides the old covenant from the new, religion from righteousness, light from darkness, truth from lies, life from death... What Jesus had been proclaiming was about to be fulfilled!

The scene was set and all the participants were about to become part of history. Some unknowingly, most reluctantly, many regrettably - but each played their part and the gospel writers Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.... recorded it all!

Let's take a closer look at some of those who are famously portrayed in the narrative of Jesus' final days:

**The leading priests and teachers of the law** were crazed with jealousy of Jesus and feared losing their power over the people because of him. They had been meeting to discuss how to capture Jesus secretly and put him to death, but because of Jesus' popularity they feared doing it during Passover would cause a riot. Even so, they made their move and arrested him in the Garden of Gethsemane. Under the cover of night, they took Jesus to the home of **Caiaphas**, the high priest. False witnesses had gathered to speak against him, but he remained silent before his accusers, except to acknowledge he was the Messiah. At this they condemned Jesus to death - spit at him, hit him, blindfolded and mocked him – then led him away to Pilate.

The religious leaders had no love for **Pilate**, the Governor of Rome, but they also had no authority to sentence anyone to death – so they used Pilate to do what they were powerless to do. In spite of their attempts to deceive Pilate regarding Jesus' crimes, Pilate knew Jesus was innocent, but he too feared any action towards Jesus would spark a riot, which could affect his position with Ceasar, the Roman Ruler, and he would suffer for it.

How about **Herod** – Pilate reasoned... let him take the fall! Because Jesus' home was in the region of Galilee, Pilate sent him to Herod, the ruler of Galilee. Herod was delighted to

see Jesus, hoping to see him perform a miracle. He asked him many questions, but Jesus refused to answer any of them. Herod had had his run-ins with John the Baptist - and he put Jesus in that same lot - so Herod wanted nothing to do with Jesus – except to mock and ridicule him before he sent him back to Pilate.

With Jesus back in Pilate's court, Pilate tried to persuade him to defend himself, but to no avail. The custom of releasing a prisoner of the people's choice during Passover presented an opportunity for Pilate to free himself from the problem of Jesus, but when the crowd demanded he release Barabbas, a known murderer, he couldn't believe his ears!

**The crowd** calling for Jesus' death that fateful day was a mix of people – including some who had hailed Jesus as King when he entered the city just a few days prior - but now realized he was not going to be the one to deliver them from Rome. Others were religious zealots, loyal to the Jewish leaders. This angry mob was in the streets, while the true followers of Jesus had gone into hiding - for fear of the Jewish leaders.

Ignoring the warning of his wife, who had a disturbing dream about Jesus; searing his conscience concerning Jesus' innocence; and succumbing to the demands of the crowd – Pilate ceremonially washed his hands of Jesus and turned him over to the Roman soldiers to be flogged and crucified, a death reserved for rebels and slaves – not kings, as Jesus claimed to be.

And **Barabbas**, a prototype of you and me – deserving of death – was unimaginably, set free.

The **Roman soldiers** dressed Jesus in a scarlet robe, fashioned a crown out of long, sharp thorns and beat it into his precious head. They hit him, spit upon him, and placed a stick in his right hand as a scepter - then knelt before him, mocking him as they rightly called him, "King of the Jews"! Stripping him of his clothes, they flogged Jesus with a lead-tipped whip - willing to follow orders so unthinkable and so horrific our minds recoil and shudder at the thought of how mercilessly they beat Jesus before they led him away to be crucified.

Have you ever wondered about **Simon of Cyrene** – the man who happened to be coming in from the country on a pilgrimage to celebrate the Passover, who was randomly selected out of the crowd and forced to carry the cross for Jesus. Did he feel horrified? Honored?

Finally, Jesus arrived at Golgotha's hill - and the Roman soldiers crucified him. The time was 9:00 in the morning. The other details are so violating we hardly dare speak of them. **Executors**, so calloused and desensitized that carrying out a crucifixion was "all in a day's work" – one could even sit in the shadow of the cross and casually cast lots for the clothing of your subject, who hung in agony just a short distance away.

And let's not forget **Joseph of Arimathea** – a member of the Jewish high council, who was also a secret disciple of Jesus. Joseph was so moved with compassion, he risked his reputation – and perhaps even much more, by approaching Pilate to ask for the body of Jesus so he could give him a proper burial in his own new tomb, which he had carved out of the rock.

Given permission, Joseph took Jesus' lifeless body down from the cross and honorably wrapped it in a long linen cloth with spices and laid him in his tomb, then blocked the entrance with a large boulder.

It was finished... and yet - the leading priests and Pharisees went to see Pilate, once again! This time – requesting the tomb be sealed and guards be posted at the entrance – just in case Jesus' disciples came to steal his body! The truth of the matter is that the religious leaders took Jesus' resurrection claim more seriously than the disciples. They were almost as afraid of Jesus after his death, as when he was alive! And rightfully so ...

TONIGHT WE'LL PUT OURSELVES THERE AND IMAGINE WHAT JESUS SUFFERED SO WE COULD BE FORGIVEN. CRUCIFIXION WAS THE WORST WAY THAT SOMEONE COULD DIE.

YOU NOT ONLY HAVE excruciating PAIN IN YOUR HANDS AND FEET BUT YOU SUFFOCATE - UNABLE TO BREATHE AS YOUR LUNGS CAN'T KEEP UP WHILE YOU TRY TO PROP UP YOURSELF ON THE ONE NAIL HOLDING YOUR FEET. JESUS DID THAT FOR US.

## CRUCIFIXION SONG

### 04 THE PRICE HE PAID

WHAT ABOUT US?

Passion Week, as it is so appropriately called, was a week filled with drama and intrigue, lies and deception, fear and uncertainty, boldness and betrayal, life and death - all on full display! And prophecy and irony - at its best!

When Jesus took his final breaths, **the natural collided with the supernatural**. The sun went dark at mid-day; the curtain in the Temple separating our Holy God from His people split in two from top to bottom – symbolizing the barrier between God and humanity was removed.

The earth shook, rocks split, and tombs opened! And the bodies of many godly men and women who had died were raised from the dead and went into the city and appeared to many people!

All who witnessed these things must have exclaimed: “***What Just Happened?!***”

But what happened to **the Disciples**? Even before they entered the city to celebrate the Passover they were on their guard. They knew the dangers of going with Jesus to Jerusalem. Perhaps the initial welcome, amidst shouts of joy and celebration – hailing Jesus as King, “Son of David” – calmed their nerves, but it was short-lived as they gathered around the table to share the Passover meal.

This meal was unlike any other before. Beginning with Jesus washing their feet – like a servant, not the Master they knew him to be.

### **05 SHARING PASSOVER... COMMUNION**

Confusion continued with every word Jesus spoke: My time to suffer has come; tonight all of you will desert me; one of you at the table will betray me!

Can you imagine hearing those words?!

They didn't expect Jesus to say these kinds of things - neither would we have expected it.

As Jesus spoke of a betrayer among them, don't you find it curious that rather than ask, “**Who?**” – each one asked: “I am not the one, **am I?**”

The disciples must have inwardly known their weakness. They had witnessed the religious leaders ruthless attacks on Jesus. They understood the political hotbed of living under Roman Rule. Suddenly, Jesus is talking about dying – and a kingdom – yet to come! Maybe - Jesus isn't who they had hoped he was???

**What? Wait? What about? ... What about me?!** What about me...they must have wondered. I said I would follow you to the end, but if this is the end, I am not sure I am as strong as I thought I was...

Have you ever found yourself in a similar place? So strong, so confident – then, suddenly - so weak; so unsure of yourself, your faith, your future?

Take heart – Jesus chose 12 men. Their only claim to fame was being ordinary. Nothing special. Hard- working. Common. Impetuous. Of Nathanael, Jesus said “he had no guile” - but perhaps Matthew made up for that – at least in the eyes of the others! And one - was the betrayer.

Do you see yourself in any of those attributes? If so, rejoice! In Jesus' estimation – we all qualify to be his disciples! Friday's tomb gave way to Sunday's Resurrection! The disciples who all vowed to never leave him, but fled – were back!

We are chosen to carry on where the disciples left off. When you rise up out of your uncertainty and fear – let the world know - you're back! Back to proclaiming Jesus is who He said He was. He is The One who came to save us. His time had come – now it is our time to tell what He has done for each of us.

## **BEAUTIFUL THE BLOOD**

### **06 THE CURSE OF SIN THE THORNS RESTS UPON HIS HEAD**

Let's back up. During Creation we learn about the origin of thorns and thistles. The Bible says in Gen. 3:17

God said to Adam, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; 18 **thorns** and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. 19 By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

God had instructed Adam to take care of the garden and enjoy it but once they sinned, the ground began to grow thorns. The thorns weren't there before sin.

So again, why did Jesus wear a crown of thorns?

THE CURSE OF SIN, THE THORNS, REST UPON HIS HEAD for HE was the only one sinless and able to defeat the curse of sin!

The Roman soldiers made a crown of thorns for Jesus to wear and they forced it into the top of His head as a way of mocking Him being He had claimed to be King. They knew that before the Sanhedrin, Jesus had said "One day you will see me coming on the clouds of glory."

He knew that He was truly the King of Kings. He knew that upon His resurrection He would be crowned King Forever and given all authority and all praise forevermore. Yet He also knew that these religious leaders didn't know that. They were blinded by their sin and their pride and they were simply pieces of a chess board. God was making His move. Not them. God was placing His son on the cross in a surprise move - a move that feels like defeat but ultimately destroyed death itself.

Jesus came - to destroy sin. His death on the cross was not only redeeming mankind of our sin the punishment we deserved, but the crown of thorns speaks to the fact that Jesus was also bearing the punishment on the earth from sin.

### **07 ABSOLUTE TORTURE**

## THE PRICE HE PAID WAS ABSOLUTE TORTURE

Jesus, the perfect Son of God, the one who showed grace and mercy to all was THE ONE PAYING FOR THE SINS OF ALL. THE CROWN OF THORNS HE WORE SYMBOLIZED THE SIN THAT HE ALONE COULD CARRY.

It was a prophetic picture that one day, He will restore the earth itself to its former glory. He was declaring in wearing that crown of thorns, not only am I dying for you but I'm making you a promise ... that the curse over the entire earth as a result of sin, will now be broken - that He will make a New Heavens and New Earth, one where thorns will never grow and fight back against mankind and God's divine plan!

BECAUSE HE WORE A CROWN OF THORNS, WE WILL WEAR A CROWN OF GLORY! DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT TONIGHT? BECAUSE HE SUFFERED, YOU WILL BE REDEEMED AND YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY THE PERFECT PRESENCE OF HEAVEN FOREVER.

The message of the cross is simple, but so profound. Don't make it hard. Just believe. And remember...

We are going to remember Jesus tonight by sharing a Passover Meal together.

## The Last Supper / Communion

### 08 "COMMUNION WE REMEMBER"

Ushers PASS OUT COMMUNION HERE, WHILE I READ

Let's back up in our story and read what took place right before Jesus went to the cross - we're focusing a lot on Passover tonight - the Jewish holiday that symbolized Israel's escape from slavery in Egypt. The disciples, I'm sure, didn't realize how prophetic and how methodical Jesus was in having this meal with them on THIS day and in THIS way. His body would symbolize the covenant made between them and God. Between US and GOD - one where JESUS does all the work and we simply say "Yes"

We read Luke 22:7-13

7 Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. 8 So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it." 9 They said to him, "Where will you have us prepare it?" 10 He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters 11 and tell the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' 12 And he will show you a large upper room furnished;

prepare it there.” 13 And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.”

We remember what Jesus went through. Lets continue in Luke 22:14-21

*14 And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the disciples with him. 15 And he said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. 16 For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” 17 And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, “Take this, and divide it among yourselves. 18 For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” 19 And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”*

**GO AHEAD AND PARTAKE OF THE BREAD**

He was willing to be betrayed and denied and forgotten and ridiculed and even beaten for you. WE join in this moment with the disciples in the Upper Room and let’s eat this bread together.

Let’s remember the BLOOD Jesus shed for us. Take this cup and remember what He did for us.

*20 And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.*

**GO AHEAD AND DRINK THE JUICE**

JESUS DIDN’T HAVE TO GO TO THE CROSS. HE MADE THE CHOICE. IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE HE SAID “FATHER IF IT’S POSSIBLE TAKE THIS CUP FROM ME. BUT YOUR WILL BE DONE!”

**I lay down my life**

## **09 JESUS PRAYS... I LAY MY LIFE DOWN**

In this moment, Jesus lived out the words He had spoken weeks before “No one takes my life from Me. I willingly lay it down.”

No one that you know has ever said that. No one dying is so matter of fact yet so controlled about it. Even one who is suicidal is not composed; they’re irrational full of fear and anxiety, depression and anger. Yet here’s Jesus, calmly stating what will happen - telling His disciples as if this is all part of the plan.



He knew He was fulfilling prophecy - dozens and dozens of prophecies spoken by many men who had gone before Him bringing a call to repentance to the nation of Israel. He knew why He had left Heaven and been born a child - coming into the human race to save the human race. Becoming the creation to save the creation. He knew who He was and what His mission was. For the joy set before Him He endured the cross. That joy was knowing that YOU would be reconciled to God the Father and enjoy His presence forever!

Let's continue to read as I believe it's important for us to at times just read God's Word and imagine the moment we're reading about.

## How Deep The Father's Love For Us

We have reflected on all the others who were caught up in the chaos and confusion of Passion Week... but **Jesus** was the one who was the epic center of it all. He was the innocent one who was betrayed, deserted, mocked, ridiculed, rejected, endured unspeakable pain...

### **The Crucifixion**

#### **10 NAILS IN HIS HANDS**

*So they took Jesus, <sup>17</sup> and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. <sup>18</sup> There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. <sup>19</sup> Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." <sup>20</sup> Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. <sup>21</sup> So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" <sup>22</sup> Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."*

*<sup>23</sup> When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, <sup>24</sup> so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says,*

*"They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots."*

*So the soldiers did these things, <sup>25</sup> but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup> When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" <sup>27</sup> Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.*

## The Death of Jesus **11 “THE DEATH OF JESUS”**

*28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” 29 A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. 30 When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.*

## **12 “CRUCIFIED”**

*31 Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. 32 So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. 33 But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. 34 But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. 35 He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. 36 For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.” 37 And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.”*

Being mocked with a crown of thorns, being physically tortured and beat beyond recognition, being pierced with a spear upon His death, all of this was prophesied about. Jesus knew it was going to happen to Him. And yet... He did it anyway. All for you. So you and me could be forgiven and restored to the Father. Wow.

## **13 SIN BEGAN IN A GARDEN \_ THORNS GREW**

Sin began in a garden - the Garden of Eden - the gift God gave to man. Man decided it wasn't enough. The Bible says at THAT point, thorns started to grow in the garden.

That sin - illustrated the thorns in the ground - caused us to deserve punishment.

Isn't it poetic that Jesus came and when buried, He was buried in a Garden scripture says.

## **14 BURIED IN A GARDEN**

- where flowers bloom and new life begins with the death of a seed - a seed must be buried for that flower to bloom. So Jesus was buried in a garden.

### **John 19:38-42 | Jesus Is Buried**

*38 After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate*

gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. <sup>39</sup> Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. <sup>40</sup> So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. <sup>41</sup> Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. <sup>42</sup> So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

How poetic right?

## **15 A SEED IS PLANTED**

Here is a garden, blooming with flowers and there they laid the crucified Son of God.

**The destruction of mankind began in a garden.**

**The revival AND RESTORATION of mankind began in a garden!**

when the Son of man took the place of man to be buried like a seed.

The ultimate torture Jesus suffered was the anguish of being temporarily separated from His Father - so we could have access to Him, anytime – for all time.

HE WAS BURIED SO WE COULD LIVE AND BLOSSOM.

HE WAS SEPARATED SO WE COULD BE UNITED TO OUR FATHER.

HE WAS PUNISHED SO WE COULD GO FREE.

HE WHO KNEW NO SIN BECAME SIN SO THAT WE MIGHT BECOME THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD!

## **16 MANY WILL BLOSSOM**

MANY WILL BLOSSOM because of His death!

Many will come to life and millions have already! Millions of people are united with their Creator! Millions of people will fill the earth and illustrate the goodness of God, the great Gardener. The One who plants and reaps a great harvest!

## **17 WE HAVE THIS HOPE**

Because of what Jesus did, we can KNOW GOD! We also can have eternal life.

John 17:3

“This is eternal life, that they know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.”

The bible tells us in Hebrews that Jesus became the perfect passover lamb.

Jesus has removed every barrier between you and GOD! How?

Jesus, the perfect priest went into the perfect tabernacle and offered His perfect blood as the perfect sacrifice ONCE and FOR ALL. You can't add to the perfect sacrifice of Jesus! This is why believing your right-standing with God is based on works is a futile, broken belief. You can't add to something that is complete and perfect. Jesus' sacrifice was complete and perfect.

You simply believe it and live in that joy of that gift.

**Hebrews 4:14** Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

...Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; <sup>6</sup> as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>7</sup> In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. <sup>8</sup> Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. <sup>9</sup> And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him...

**Heb 4:14–5:10** <sup>19</sup> We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, <sup>20</sup> where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever

(Heb 6:18–20)

## **18 DIRT MOVING WITH A SHOVEL**

*BACK TO BACK THESE TWO VIDEOS PLAY*

**VIDEO LOOP “A SEED IS PLANTED”** (YES, THIS PLAYS TWICE, ONCE AT BEGINNING THEN NEAR END HERE)

Jesus was buried like a seed - a seed meant to die so that we could live.

He MADE A WAY FOR US TO LIVE AGAIN!

## **19 “NEW LIFE BLOSSOMS FOR MANY”**

Because of HIS DEATH and His burial, we can be raised to life the book of Romans tells us!

Because of HIS sacrifice, because he was willing to be crushed like a seed in the ground, we are able to come to new life.

**[CLOSING PRAYER]** *WILL AND TEAM CAN PLAY AGAIN HERE*

DO YOU TRUST HIM FOR SALVATION? IF YOU'RE A GUEST OR FAR FROM GOD,  
TODAY THAT CAN CHANGE....