

# INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT

# PEACE

**APRIL 5 - PALM SUNDAY** ♦ *Luke 23:44-49*

## DISCUSSING GOD'S WORD

1. Two weeks ago, in Mark's gospel, we saw this same three-hour darkness and the tearing of the curtain in the temple. Why do the gospel writers emphasize these events in connection with Jesus' death?
2. Jesus' quotation of Psalm 31:5, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit" is a demonstration of His confidence in God. What does Psalm 31 show us about what Jesus trusted His Father to do?
3. How does Jesus' peace in the face of His own death give us peace as we contemplate suffering and death? John 11:25-27 and Hebrews 2:14-15 might be helpful passages to consider.

## APPLYING GOD'S WORD

1. How can you remember and celebrate the peace with God that Jesus has purchased for you? Spend some time this week reflecting on and praying through a passage like Romans 5:1-11.
2. Do you still fear death? Jesus tasted death for us, to set us free from this fear and from slavery to Satan (Hebrews 2:14-15). Who can you talk and pray with about this lingering fear?
3. How can you have a conversation with a friend, neighbor, or co-worker about Jesus' death and His offer of peace to them?

## PRAYING GOD'S WORD

4. Father, we praise you that Jesus Himself is our peace! (Ephesians 2:14)
5. God, please guard us from fear, and help us to rest in Jesus' promise of peace now and eternal life with you.
6. Please give us confidence to live as your ambassadors and to invite others to be reconciled to you.