



## **What is Good Friday?**

Christians throughout history and around the world annually remember important events in the life of Christ. We incorporate these observances and celebrations into worship services; Good Friday and Easter are two examples.

The week before Easter begins with Palm Sunday—in which we recall Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11)—and continues with Good Friday. The Friday before Easter commemorates the crucifixion and death of Jesus on the cross; and, thus, is one of the darkest days of the year (Luke 23:44-46).

The suffering and death of Jesus, as terrible as it was, marked one of the most dramatic events of God's plan to provide the opportunity for our own salvation. Good Friday had to take place in order for us to celebrate the miracle and joy of Christ's resurrection. "For the joy set before Him" (Hebrews 12:2), Jesus endured the cross on Good Friday, knowing it led to His resurrection, ascension, and our salvation.

## **Good Friday at KIBC**

A Good Friday service usually centers on reading the scripture passages that narrate Jesus' last moments on earth, and includes observance of the Lord's Supper, as well as time for personal reflection and renewal in our relationship with God.

In our Good Friday service, we will examine passages related to the last week of Jesus' life on earth. As we read various scriptures aloud and extinguish candles, which represent the completion of each day, we will have a time of reflection. Quiet moments of prayer and singing are included, as we respond to the message of love and redemption found at the cross of Jesus Christ.

Our Good Friday service concludes in darkness and silence. After the final video, attendees may stay to experience additional time of silent prayer and worship, or they may depart the worship center at any time. We all exit in silence, maintaining respect for the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Please refrain from talking until you are outside the building.

## **What is the Lord's Supper?**

The Lord's Supper first occurred on the night before Jesus was crucified (Matthew 26:17-30) as part of a larger meal called the Passover. The bread became a symbol of the body of Jesus that was broken on the cross. The drink became a symbol of the blood of Jesus that was shed. These symbols depict the sacrifice Jesus made for our wrongdoing (1 Peter 2:24). Participants taking the Lord's Supper remember Jesus' sacrificial death and anticipate His return (1 Corinthians 11:26).

Who should take the Lord's Supper? People who have surrendered control of their lives to Jesus Christ and whose lives are in a proper relationship with both Christ and other people are encouraged to take the Lord's Supper (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). The church encourages a person to make a public commitment to a belief in the saving work of Jesus

Christ and to be baptized before taking the Lord's Supper. KIBC freely allows people who have made faith commitments to Jesus Christ and followed their faith commitments with baptism in other churches to participate in the Lord's Supper here.

### **What If I'm Not a Christian?**

Anyone is allowed to attend and participate in this Good Friday service. However, when the time of the Lord's Supper occurs, those who have not yet made a faith commitment to Jesus Christ or been baptized are encouraged to refrain from taking the bread and the cup of the Lord's Supper. If you would like to talk with someone about what it means to accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, or about being baptized, please speak to a church leader or deacon tonight, or contact the church office. You may also fill out a guest card and hand it to the church staff, requesting further information.

### **How to Become a Christian**

**God loves you.** He created you and wants to have a personal relationship with you (John 3:16; Ephesians 2:4-5).

**Sin has separated you from God.** The Bible defines "sin" as choosing our will over God's. We have each made this mistake (Romans 3:23). Our sins have now separated us from our holy God, and, because He cannot allow us into His perfect heaven, we are each destined for an eternity separated from God in hell (Revelation 19:11-15).

**You cannot repair your broken relationship with God.** Many people think we can be good or religious enough to earn God's forgiveness and go to heaven when we die. But the Bible teaches that the only payment for sin is death (Romans 6:23; Ezekiel 18:20).

**Jesus died to pay the debt owed by your sins.** Jesus took our place on the cross and suffered the penalty we deserved. His death now makes it possible for a righteous God to forgive our sins and offer us salvation (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 2:24).

**You must receive the gift He died to give.** Now you must choose to trust in what Jesus has done for you, rather than trusting in your own efforts to restore your relationship with God. Confess your sins and mistakes to God, and choose to live by God's Word and will. Decide that you will make Jesus the Lord and Master of your life.

**How can you make this decision?** Through prayer (talking to God) you can meet Jesus today. There is no single prayer you must pray to become a Christian—no magic formula. But the following words are one way to trust Christ as Lord. If you will pray them with the sincere commitment of your heart and life, you will meet Jesus personally and live for Him as your Lord.

*Dear God, Thank You for loving me. Thank You that Jesus died on the cross to pay the penalty for my sins and failures. I admit to You that I am a sinner, that I need You to save me. I ask You to forgive*

*me for my sins. I turn from them now. I invite Jesus into my life as my Savior and Lord. I turn my life over to Him. I will live for Him as long as I live. Thank You for giving me eternal life and making me the child of God. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

If you prayed this prayer for the first time just now, please tell someone about your decision. Christianity cannot be lived alone. Share your new faith with someone you trust, and with a church where you can grow in your commitment to Christ. If we can support your faith, please call or email us (2337-2555; [office@hkkibc.org](mailto:office@hkkibc.org)). We want to help you follow Jesus today.

### **Easter Sunday**

The high point of the Church Year is Easter Sunday—the joyful celebration of Christ's resurrection and victory over sin and death! On this joyful day we invite you to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus with us through worship. One worship service will take place on Sunday, April 16, at 10:30am at A.C. Hall (224 Waterloo Road, on the campus of HKBU). Everyone is welcome to attend!

This combined service will take place instead of the usual services that morning; no Sunday School classes will meet that morning; childcare will be available at A.C. Hall for infants and babies; simultaneous translation in Cantonese will be available.

We invite everyone to bring fresh cut flowers to worship on Easter, which will be placed on the cross at A.C. Hall, to represent the hope and new life we have in the resurrection of Jesus.



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