



**Read:** We have walked the entire journey with Christ to the cross and soon his body will be taken down. Quiet your heart before God as you read [Mark 15:42-47](#) and [John 19:38](#). Who was there? Who watched? Who took action? Why? Take a few minutes to envision all the characters in this incredible moment of drama.

As you think of these events, think of the love that has been so graphically portrayed through your Savior at Calvary. Read [1 John 3:1-5](#) quietly aloud as you soak in the wonder of this. Read it again slowly, taking in each reality it addresses.

**Think:** Review the passage again and ponder the word or phrase that stands out to you. What do you see of God's nature in this? What do you see about his heart for people? For you? Turn this word or phrase over and over in your mind—gently, like a fragile treasure.

**Pray:** Ask the Holy Spirit to impart God's message for you from this passage. What is he inviting you to consider? To do? To know? Open your heart and ask him to write his love deeply within you.

**Rest:** Sit quietly with what you have heard or sensed or experienced. Let all other thoughts go, except the reality of God's presence here and now, with you. Let him love you. If it helps, play worship music in the background. If your mind gets distracted, gently whisper "I receive your love" or "I love you, Lord."

For in the cross of Christ, as in a splendid theater, the incomparable goodness of God is set before the whole world. The glory of God shines, indeed, in all creatures on high and below, but never more brightly than in the cross.