

April 19

## Communion is...

**Communion** is full of hope, opening an eternity of possibility in my life and in the lives of those I love.

## Read Matthew 27:54

**Is there anyone in your life who needs to confess that Jesus is the Son of God?** Perhaps it is a family member, friend or coworker? And maybe you have been praying for them for a long time. But even still, it seems like they are further away from confessing Jesus than they ever have been before. That can feel really discouraging and cause your faith to wane.

**But what we read in verse 54 can stir your faith to believe again.** Because if there was ever someone far away from believing in Jesus, these soldiers would be an exact match.

**They were most likely the ones who had mocked Jesus, beat Him, led Him to the cross and hung Him upon it.** And then they sat down at the base of it to stir up even more contempt as they watched Him slowly die. These would be the last people in the world that we would expect to proclaim Jesus as the Son of God. And yet, that is exactly what happened before the sun set later that same day.

**See after Jesus breathed His last and yielded up His spirit,** what these soldiers witnessed turned their front row mocking seats into front row faith seats as they proclaimed, ***“Truly this was the Son of God.”***

**This part of the Gospel story inspires our faith** to believe for those ones in our lives who seem far from God. It gives us a front row seat to watch the story of the life change that can happen when people come face to face with Jesus and His power over death. Their proclamation of Him reminds us that people really do come to faith in Him when they are in His presence, **even people who may seem the farthest away.**

**As you come to communion table today,** I encourage you to sit those ones who are heavy on your heart at the foot of Jesus' cross and ask Him to reveal Himself to them. Ask Him to expose the power of His broken body and shed blood to them. Ask Him to show them His wonders. **And then, make sure you save them a seat next to you at the table, with the expectation that they will be sitting there beside you very soon.**

## Prayer Conversation Starter...

**Jesus, I am so thankful for my salvation!** Today I bring \_\_\_\_\_ to You, and ask You to reveal Yourself to them, so that they too can experience all of Who You are...



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