

Communion is...

Communion is the final word. Every time I take communion, Jesus reminds me that His cross had the final word... Satan has been defeated and death has been removed from my life.

Read Matthew 27:2

Verse 2 might just seem to be describing some logistical details of Jesus' story, but as we listen to Jesus tell the story, He causes us to see deeper...

See first, I can't read these words that begin verse 2, "And they bound Him and led Him away..." without being reminded of the moment during Jesus' ministry when He raised Lazarus from the dead. Lazarus was bound up in grave clothes but Jesus called him out of the grave, and He told the people to **"unbind him and let him go."** (John 11:39-44) **And now, here in verse 2**, we see Jesus being bound Himself, and then led away to death.

And for the second part of verse 2, "... and delivered Him up to Pilate the governor" Jesus reminds me of Colossians 2:13-14 which tells me, **"For He delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in Whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."**

These reminders remind me that Jesus has the final word!

Oh yes, they may have bound Jesus' fleshly body to lead Him toward death in this moment, but what they didn't know, is that Jesus is Lord over death! That the only reason He was bound and walking toward His death was because His plan was to overcome death for us all... even those who were wrapping the bindings around Him in this moment. See once in the grave, Jesus' wouldn't need another to unbind Him and let Him go. No in just a short while, **He would call Himself forth from the grave!**

And, I am humbly reminded that in reality, Jesus delivered Himself to Pilate. They may have thought they were leading Him, but the Truth we read in Colossians 2 reminds us that He was delivered to death for the purpose of delivering us out of death. **Our deliverance was His plan all along!**

There will be many logistical details in this story during the coming days that are heartbreaking and evil. But as we come to the communion table and give Jesus time and space to speak to us, let us have open hearts and ears as He reminds us that He has the final word. And that His final word is always a shout of victory on our behalf!

Prayer Conversation Starter...

Jesus, please speak! Speak Your final word over my life in every way. Obviously, in the ways You sacrificed Yourself on my behalf, You care so deeply for me. I am humbled and grateful and **I desire Your words of victory over every area of my life...**

