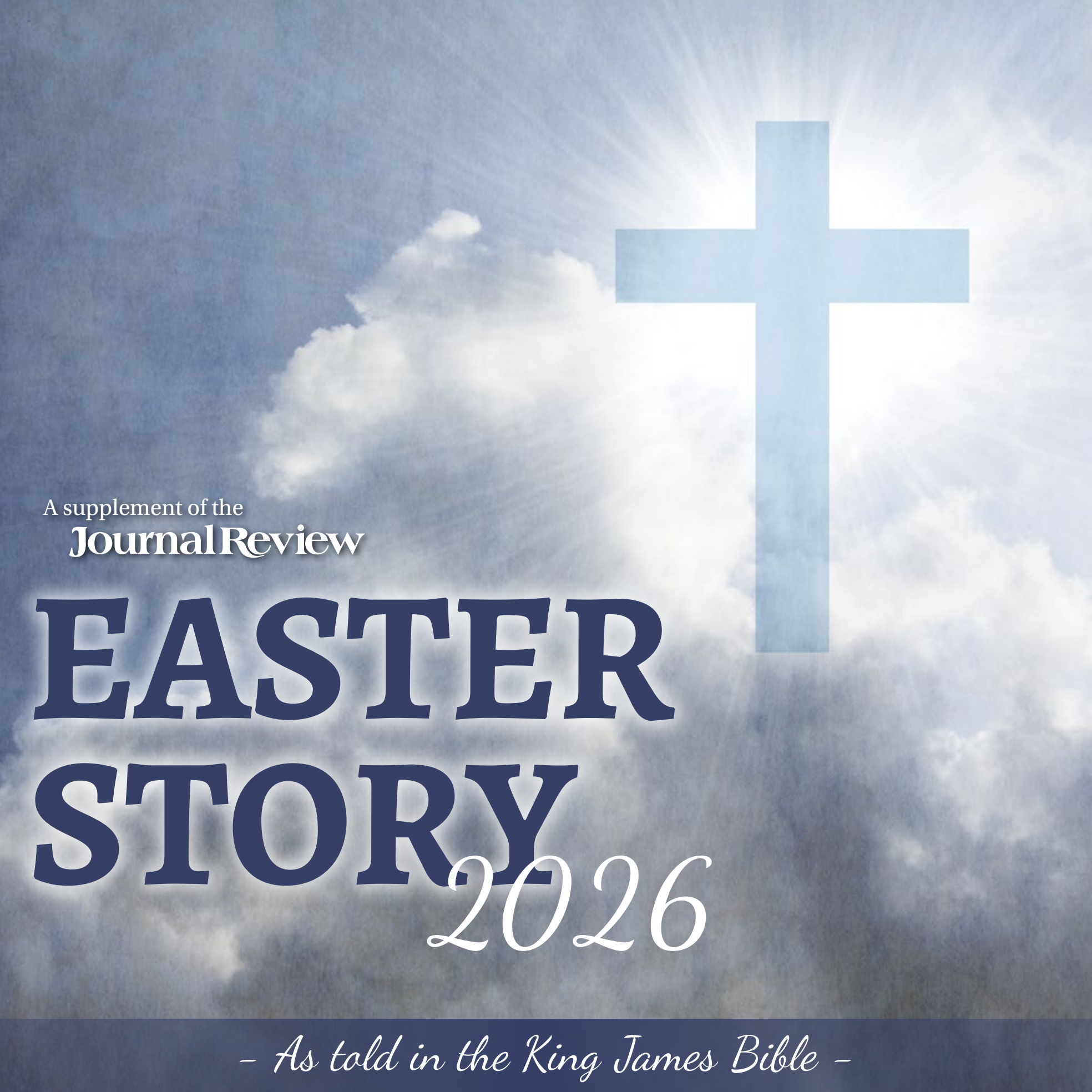




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The Last Supper

On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, a sacred time marking the Passover, Jesus' disciples approached Him and asked, "Where should we prepare the Passover meal for You?" Jesus gave them specific instructions: "Go into the city and find a certain man. Tell him, 'The Teacher says: My appointed time is near. I will celebrate the Passover with My disciples at your house.'" The disciples obeyed, making the necessary preparations for what would become a holy and unforgettable evening.

Passover commemorated the night the Lord delivered Israel from slavery in Egypt—the night when the blood of a lamb marked the doors of God's people, and the angel of death passed over them. This powerful moment of God's mercy was about to be fulfilled in an even deeper way through Jesus, the true and perfect Lamb.

That evening, Jesus reclined at the table with the Twelve. As they ate together, He looked at them and said solemnly, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray Me." His words filled the room with sorrow, and one after another, the disciples asked, "Surely You don't mean me, Lord?"

Jesus replied, "The one who has dipped his hand in the bowl with Me—he will betray Me. The Son of Man will go just as it is written about Him. But woe to that man by whom He is betrayed—it would have been better for him not to have been born."

Even Judas, who had already made plans to betray Him, asked, "Surely You don't mean me, Rabbi?" Jesus answered, "You have said so."

Despite the heavy weight of what was coming, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples. "Take and eat," He said. "This is My body." Then He took a cup, offered thanks again, and passed it to them. "Drink from it, all of you," He said. "This is My blood of the covenant, poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will not drink from the fruit of the vine again until I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."

In this moment, Jesus revealed the heart of the gospel: that through His sacrifice, forgiveness would flow, and through His body and blood, a new covenant would be made—one of grace, redemption, and eternal life. This sacred act became the foundation of what we now call communion, a holy remembrance of Christ's love poured out for us.

After the meal, Jesus rose and did something unexpected. He took the posture of a servant, knelt before His disciples, and washed their feet. Peter, feeling unworthy, protested. But Jesus gently told him, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with Me." In humility and love, Jesus showed them what it means to serve, saying, "Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet." He was preparing their hearts not only for His sacrifice but for a life of servanthood and love.

When they had sung a hymn together, they left the upper room and made their way to the Mount of Olives, where the next chapter of God's redemptive plan would unfold.

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The Betrayal

After leaving the supper, Judas went to the Roman authorities who were seeking to arrest Jesus. In exchange for thirty pieces of silver, he agreed to lead them to Jesus. Knowing that Jesus often prayed in a garden near Jerusalem, Judas guided the soldiers there. He told them, “The one I kiss is the man—arrest him and take him away under guard.”

When they arrived at the garden, Judas approached Jesus and greeted him, saying, “Greetings, Rabbi,” and lightly kissed him. Jesus responded, “Friend, why have you come?” Then, answering his own question, he added, “Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?” (Matthew 26:49–50)

As the soldiers moved in to seize Jesus, the disciples realized what was happening. “Lord, should we strike with the sword?” they asked (Luke 22:49). Before Jesus could reply, Peter drew one of the disciples’ swords and struck Malchus, a servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear.

Jesus immediately reached out, touched Malchus’s ear, and healed him. Turning to Peter, he said, “Put your sword back in its place, for all who draw the sword will die by the sword.” He then explained that he must be captured, saying, “How else would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?” (Matthew 26:52)



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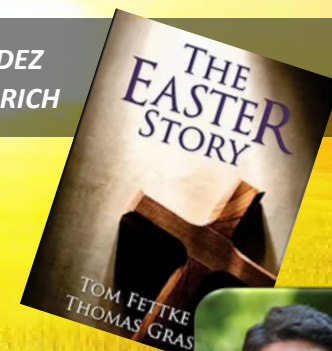
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Worship & Cantata

10:30 am | First Christian Church

Cantata Directed by **DR. JUAN HERNANDEZ**
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Jesus Led Away, Mocked

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band of soldiers. And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe. And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand; and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying Hail King of the Jews! And they spit on him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head. And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him and led him away to crucify him. — Matthew 27:27-31

And as they led him away, they laid hold upon one Simon, a Cyrenian, coming out of the country, and on him they laid the cross, that he might bear it after Jesus. And there followed him a great company of people and women, which also bewailed and lamented him. — Luke 23:26-27



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The Crucifixion

A large crowd gathered to mourn and witness Jesus' crucifixion. He was nailed to a cross between two criminals, and a sword pierced his side. Despite the mocking voices around him, one of the criminals turned to Jesus and asked to be remembered. Jesus replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise." Then, looking to heaven, Jesus prayed, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." As he took his final breath, he said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit... it is finished."

Remarkable events accompanied Jesus' death. Darkness covered the land for three hours as he hung on the cross. At the very moment he died, the earth quaked, the curtain in the temple was torn from top to bottom, and the tombs of saints opened—many were raised to life.

The crucifixion of Jesus was not random or accidental—it was part of God's divine plan from the very beginning, even from Jesus' birth. Humanity's sin required a sacrifice. Jesus, who lived a perfect and sinless life, gave himself so that through his death, we could receive salvation and the gift of eternal life in heaven.



Jesus is Risen

Very early on the first day of the week, just as the sun began to rise, Mary Magdalene and another Mary made their way to the tomb where Jesus had been laid. Their hearts were heavy with sorrow, and they wondered aloud, “Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb for us?” For the stone was large and heavy.

But when they arrived, they were astonished to see that the stone had already been rolled away. Stepping inside, they found not the body of their Lord, but a young man dressed in a long white robe, sitting on the right side. Fear gripped them.

The angel spoke gently: “Do not be afraid. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples—and Peter—that He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see Him, just as He told you.”

As the women hurried away in awe and joy to share the news, Jesus Himself appeared to them on the path. Standing before them, He showed them His hands—still bearing the marks of the nails—and greeted them with peace. Their sorrow was turned to wonder, their fear to worship.

This glorious resurrection had been foretold—by the prophets of old, by Jesus Himself during His ministry, and now confirmed in radiant truth. He who was crucified is alive forevermore.

Christ is risen, just as He said.





Received up into Heaven

After Jesus had spoken His final words to His disciples, He lifted His hands and blessed them. And as He was blessing them, He was taken up before their eyes—lifted into heaven—until a cloud hid Him from their sight. There, He took His place at the right hand of God, reigning in glory and majesty.

The disciples watched in awe, not with sorrow, but with hearts overflowing with worship and joy. They returned to Jerusalem rejoicing, their spirits alive with praise. Day after day, they gathered in the temple, continually glorifying and blessing God.

Empowered by the presence of

the risen and ascended Christ, they went out into the world with boldness—proclaiming the good news to all who would hear. And the Lord worked with them, confirming their message through signs, wonders, and the power of the Holy Spirit.

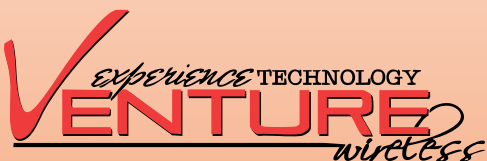
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