



Read: It seems now that Jesus has become a spectacle, someone to toy with. Read [Luke 23:6-12](#). What was it like in that atmosphere? Envision the sights and sounds, and how Jesus might have felt.

The manifold riches that were purchased for you and me through the suffering of Christ are mind-boggling. Read [Ephesians 1:3-8](#) slowly, phrase by phrase and consider just a few of these. Read it again and choose the word or phrase that most grabs you.

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? 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."

Come now my soul, and worship this man, this God. Come believer, and behold thy Savior. Come to the innermost circle of all sanctity, the circle that contains the cross of Christ, and here sit down.

Charles Spurgeon