



Read: Little description is given to this very gruesome event, a violent, cruel process every criminal sentenced to death must endure. Read [John 19:18](#) and sit quietly for a few minutes taking this in.

Have you come to taste even a drop of the love God has for you? Has the cross arrested your heart? Read [Zephaniah 3:14-17](#). Hear the crucified Lord speaking these words to you. Choose a word or phrase that captures your heart.

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."

And if we men and women of this latter day wish to gaze into the awfulness of sin, we shall have to take our stand at the mystic confluence of midnight and noonday and abide in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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