

Good Friday

⁴⁶ By now it was noon. The whole earth became dark, the darkness lasting three hours—a total blackout. The Temple curtain split right down the middle. Jesus called loudly, “Father, I place my life in your hands!” Then he breathed his last. ⁴⁷ When the captain there saw what happened, he honored God: “This man was innocent! A good man, and innocent!” ...

Luke 23:46-49, The Message

48-49 All who had come around as spectators to watch the show, when they saw what actually happened, were overcome with grief and headed home. Those who knew Jesus well, along with the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a respectful distance and kept vigil.

Luke 23:46-49, The Message

“We are Easter people living
in a Good Friday world.”

Barbara Johnson

**How can we keep
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“I pray not only for these, but also for those who believe in me through their word. May they all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us, so that the world may believe you sent me. I have given them the glory you have given me, so that they may be one as we are one. I am in them and you are in me, so that they may be made completely one, that the world may know you have sent me and have loved them as you have loved me.

John 17:20–23 CSB

As Easter people, living in a Good Friday world, we have access to the power and resources necessary to walk in love and unity with Christ and with one another

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D. We should never ignore what is not good in us, because often, what is not good is the place God begins his redemptive, salvific work in our lives.

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

1 Corinthians 15:20-22

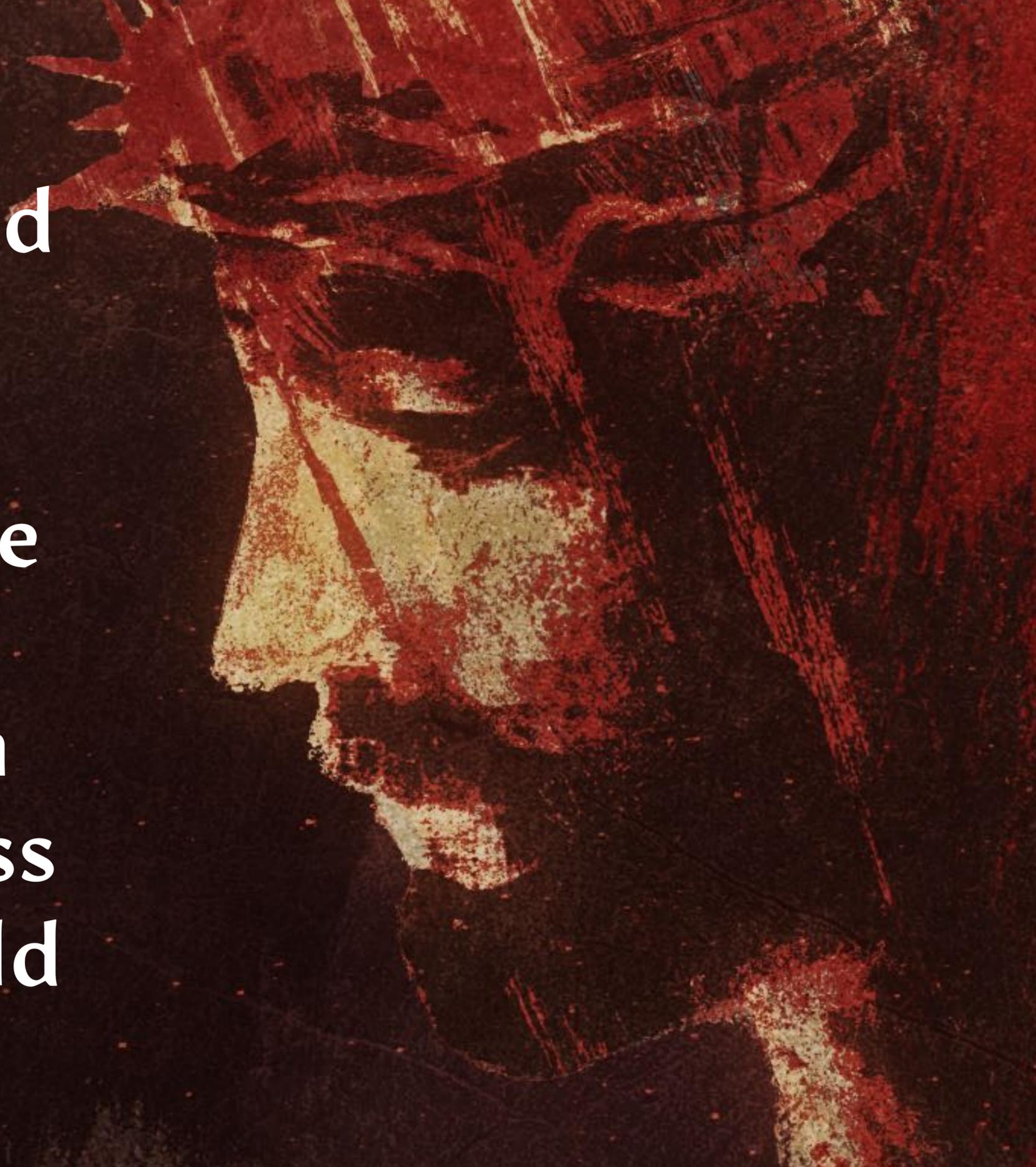
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**The women who refused
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**When we regard the Church as a
machine responsible for
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Church is a who, not a what.**

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