

The Silence of Saturday

3-22-2026

1) Saturday is the Waiting Room

57 As evening approached, Joseph, a rich man from Arimathea who had become a follower of Jesus,

58 went to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. And Pilate issued an order to release it to him.

59 Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a long sheet of clean linen cloth.

60 He placed it in his own new tomb, which had been carved out of the rock. Then he rolled a great stone across the entrance and left.

61 Both Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting across from the tomb and watching.

62 The next day, on the Sabbath, the leading priests and Pharisees went to see Pilate.

63 They told him, "Sir, we remember what that deceiver once said while he was still alive: 'After three days I will rise from the dead.'

64 So we request that you seal the tomb until the third day. This will prevent his disciples from coming and stealing his body and then telling everyone he was raised from the dead! If that happens, we'll be worse off than we were at first."

65 Pilate replied, "Take guards and secure it the best you can."

66 So they sealed the tomb and posted guards to protect it. Matthew 27:57-66

"Take a guard. Make it as secure as best you can." Matthew 27:65

2) God is Working in the Silence

3) When God Feels Silent

1 O Lord, how long will you forget me? Forever? How long will you look the other way?

2 How long must I struggle with anguish in my soul, with sorrow in my heart every day? How long will my enemy have the upper hand?

3 Turn and answer me, O Lord my God! Restore the sparkle to my eyes, or I will die.

4 Don't let my enemies gloat, saying, "We have defeated him!" Don't let them rejoice at my downfall.

5 But I trust in your unfailing love. I will rejoice because you have rescued me.

6 I will sing to the Lord because he is good to me. Psalm 13

*"How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?"
Psalm 13:1*

4) What Faith Looks Like on Saturday

"But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices because You rescued me." Psalm 13:5