



# silent saturday

at saylorville

## The Day Between the Struggle and the Solution

Silent Saturday. The hollow, grief-filled day between the despair of Good Friday and the hope of Resurrection Sunday. Jesus' followers sat in silence, replaying His words and deeds. Their Teacher who healed the sick, calmed storms, multiplied loaves, raised the dead and taught radical love had been mocked, beaten and crucified. Why had He not saved Himself? Why had God allowed this? They felt grief, confusion, anger and loss, with no Scripture yet to assure them that hope was coming, only silence.

We know that silence too. We all face Saturdays, seasons when life feels shattered, answers do not come and God seems distant. Even knowing how the story ends, the waiting is real. Maybe Saturday exists to make room for lament, to wrestle with doubt and to lay our burdens before God. In these moments we remember no suffering is unknown to Jesus. And the silence makes Resurrection Sunday sweeter, the moment we marvel again at the empty tomb and the power of God's love and redemption.


## What You Can Do

**Fast from Noise:** Silence phones, media, social media and distractions

**Be Still at Home:** Read, pray or journal

**Be Still in Nature:** Take a walk, hike or bike ride

**Visit the Church:** The auditorium will be open 6:00am-noon for quiet reflection. Pray alone or with family. The cross will be up, the lights will be dim and no one will disturb you.



## Reflect with These Questions

Luke 23:56 notes that the disciples, after Jesus' crucifixion, rested on the Sabbath "according to the commandment." What does this verse say about God, and how can you accept its challenge today in your Christian walk?

When Jesus predicted that He would be crucified, Peter exclaimed, "this shall never happen to you." (Matthew 16:22) For Peter, the death of Jesus was impossible. What are some things that God is calling you to, right now, that seem impossible?

Three years worth of the disciples' aspirations were shattered in just a few hours when Christ was crucified. What aspirations has God put on hold in your life? How does knowing this help you persevere?

In John 16, Jesus, predicting His burial, says, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy." What laments do you need to bring to God today? What joys in your life could you thank Him for?

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# Invited!

**easter**  
at saylorville      sunday, april 5<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am ——— 8:00 am ——— 9:30 am ——— 11:00 am