Psalm 118

“Walking with the King”

After the Passover
they sung a hymn
Matthew 26:30

Psalm 118 – Walking with the King

… a processional psalm of deliverance.

1. **Walking in Love** – the journey begins and ends with praise *(vv.1–4, 29)*
2. **Walking in Distress** – *The LORD is my refuge (vv.5–9)*
3. **Walking in Battle** – *The LORD is my strength (vv.10–18)*
4. **Walking in Righteousness** – entering the gates of God's presence *(vv.19–29)*

1. Walking in love

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good!

His faithful love endures forever.

2 Let **all Israel** repeat:

"His faithful love endures forever."

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The LORD: The frame of the psalm!

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5 In my distress I prayed to the LORD,
and the LORD answered me and set me free.
6 The LORD is for me, so I will have no fear.
What can mere people do to me?
7 Yes, the LORD is for me; he will help me.
I will look in triumph at those who hate me.
8 It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to trust in people.
9 It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to trust in princes.
10 Though hostile nations surrounded me,
I destroyed them all with the authority of the LORD.
11 Yes, they surrounded and attacked me,
but I destroyed them all with the authority of the LORD.
12 They swarmed around me like bees;
they blazed against me like a crackling fire.
But I destroyed them all with the authority of the LORD.
13 My enemies did their best to kill me,
but the LORD rescued me.
14 The LORD is my strength and my song;
he has given me victory.
15 Songs of joy and victory are sung in the camp of the godly.
The strong right arm of the LORD has done glorious things!
16 The strong right arm of the LORD is raised in triumph.
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17 I will not die; instead, I will live
to tell what the LORD has done.
18 The LORD has punished me severely,
but he did not let me die.
19 Open for me the gates where the righteous enter,
and I will go in and thank the LORD.
20 These gates lead to the presence of the LORD,
and the godly enter there.
21 I thank you for answering my prayer
and giving me victory!
22 The stone that the builders rejected
has now become the cornerstone.
23 This is the LORD's doing,
and it is wonderful to see.
24 This is the day the LORD has made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
25 Please, LORD, please save us.
Please, LORD, please give us success.
26 Bless the one who comes in the name of the LORD.
We bless you from the house of the LORD.
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Take the sacrifice and bind it with cords on the altar.
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Sinai	Temple	Cross
God reveals His love	Israel sings His love	Christ demonstrates His love
Exodus 34:6	2 Chronicles 5:13	Psalm 118
“The LORD… slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.”	*“He is good! His steadfast love endures forever.”*	*“Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; His steadfast love endures forever.”*

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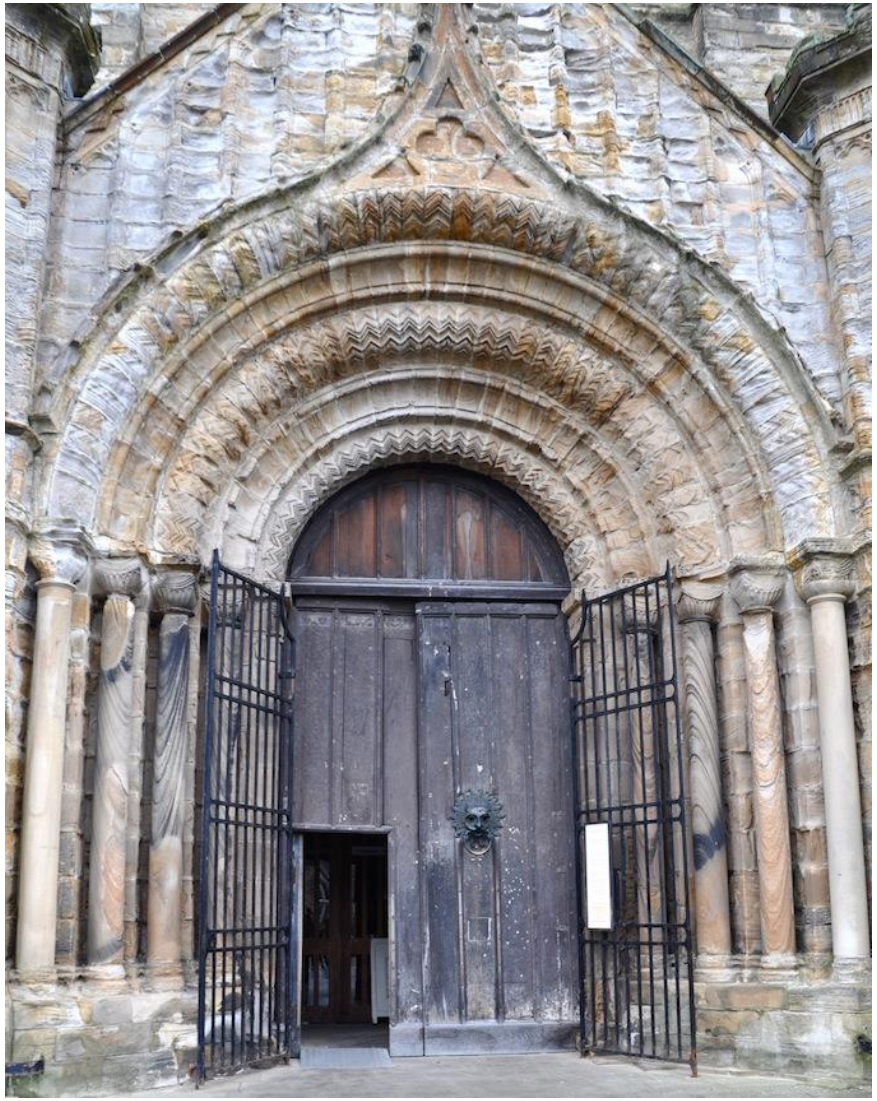

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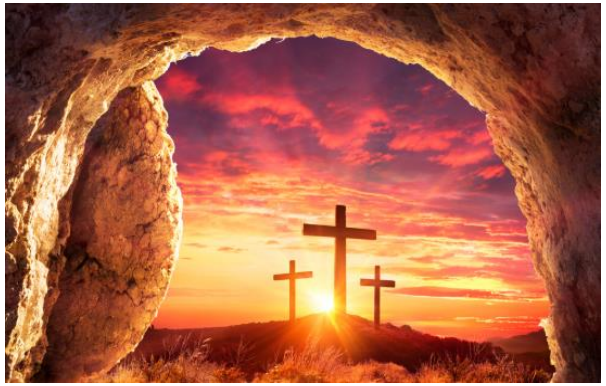

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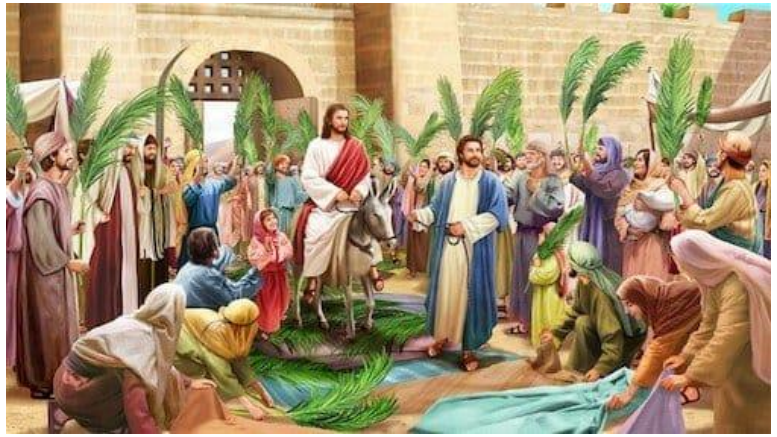

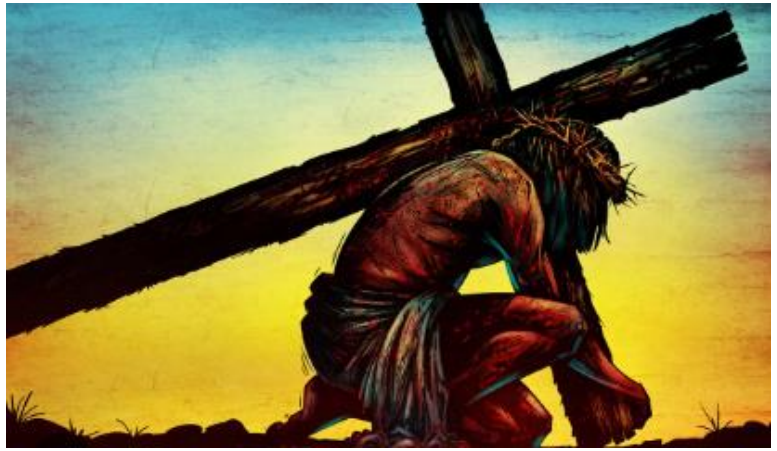

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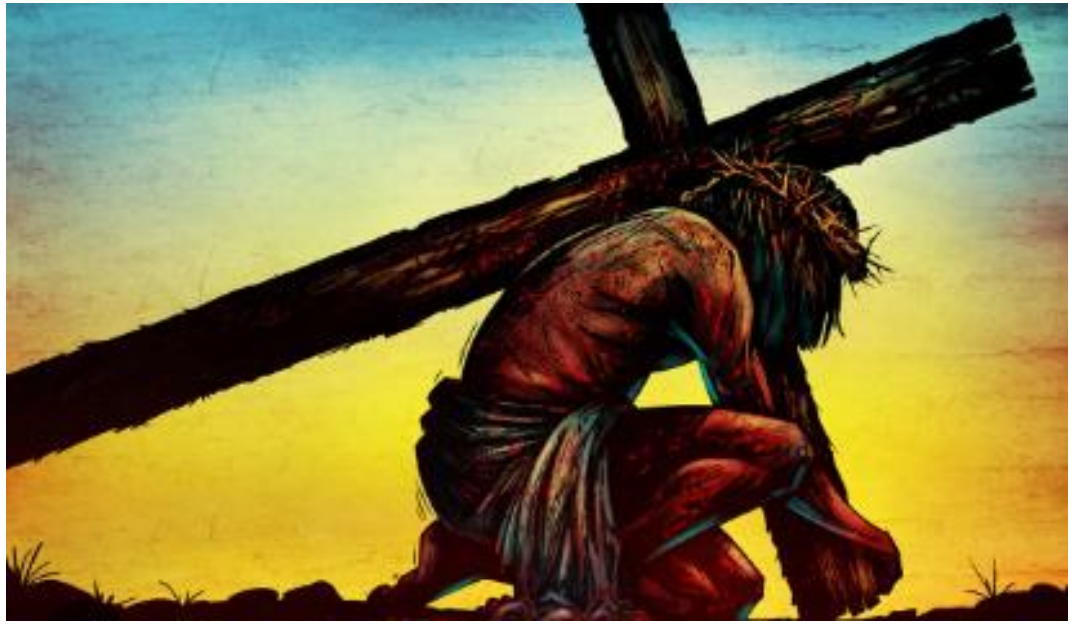

Where am I walking right now?