

# Solid Ground

## 1. God's promises about Jesus leads us to solid ground.

Isaiah 53.5-6 But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed.<sup>6</sup> All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the LORD laid on him the sins of us all.

Psalms 22.14,16-18 ...all my bones are out of joint. My enemies surround me like a pack of dogs; an evil gang closes in on me. They have pierced my hands and feet.<sup>17</sup> I can count all my bones. My enemies stare at me and gloat.<sup>18</sup> They divide my garments among themselves and throw dice for my clothing.

Psalms 16.10-11 For you will not leave my soul among the dead or allow your holy one to rot in the grave.<sup>11</sup> You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever.

## 2. Jesus own description of His final days describe the solid ground we stand on.

Matthew 12.40 For as Jonah was in the belly of the great fish for three days and three nights, so will the Son of Man be in the heart of the earth for three days and three nights.

Matthew 20.17-19 As Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside privately and told them what was going to happen to him.<sup>18</sup> "Listen," he said, "we're going up to Jerusalem, where the Son of Man will be betrayed to the leading priests and the teachers of religious law. They will sentence him to die.<sup>19</sup> Then they will hand him over to the Romans to be mocked, flogged with a whip, and crucified. But on the third day he will be raised from the dead."

## 3. Witnesses and history prove this ground is solid.

Luke 24.1-12,17 But very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared.<sup>2</sup> They found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance.<sup>3</sup> So they went in, but they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus.<sup>4</sup> As they stood there puzzled, two men suddenly appeared to them, clothed in dazzling robes.<sup>5</sup> The women were terrified and bowed with their faces to the ground. Then the men asked, "Why are you looking among the dead for someone who is alive?<sup>6</sup> He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Remember what he told you back in Galilee,<sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be betrayed into the hands of sinful men and be crucified, and that he would rise again on the third day."<sup>8</sup> Then they remembered that he had said this.<sup>9</sup> So they rushed back from the tomb to tell his eleven disciples—and everyone else—what had happened.<sup>10</sup> It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and several other women who told the apostles what had happened.<sup>11</sup> But the story sounded like nonsense to the men, so they didn't believe it.<sup>12</sup> However, Peter jumped up and ran to the tomb to look. Stooping, he peered in and saw the empty linen wrappings; then he went home again, wondering what had happened.<sup>17</sup> "You must be the only person in Jerusalem who hasn't heard about all the things that have happened there the last few days."

Romans 10.9-11 If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.<sup>10</sup> For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved.<sup>11</sup> As the Scriptures tell us, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced