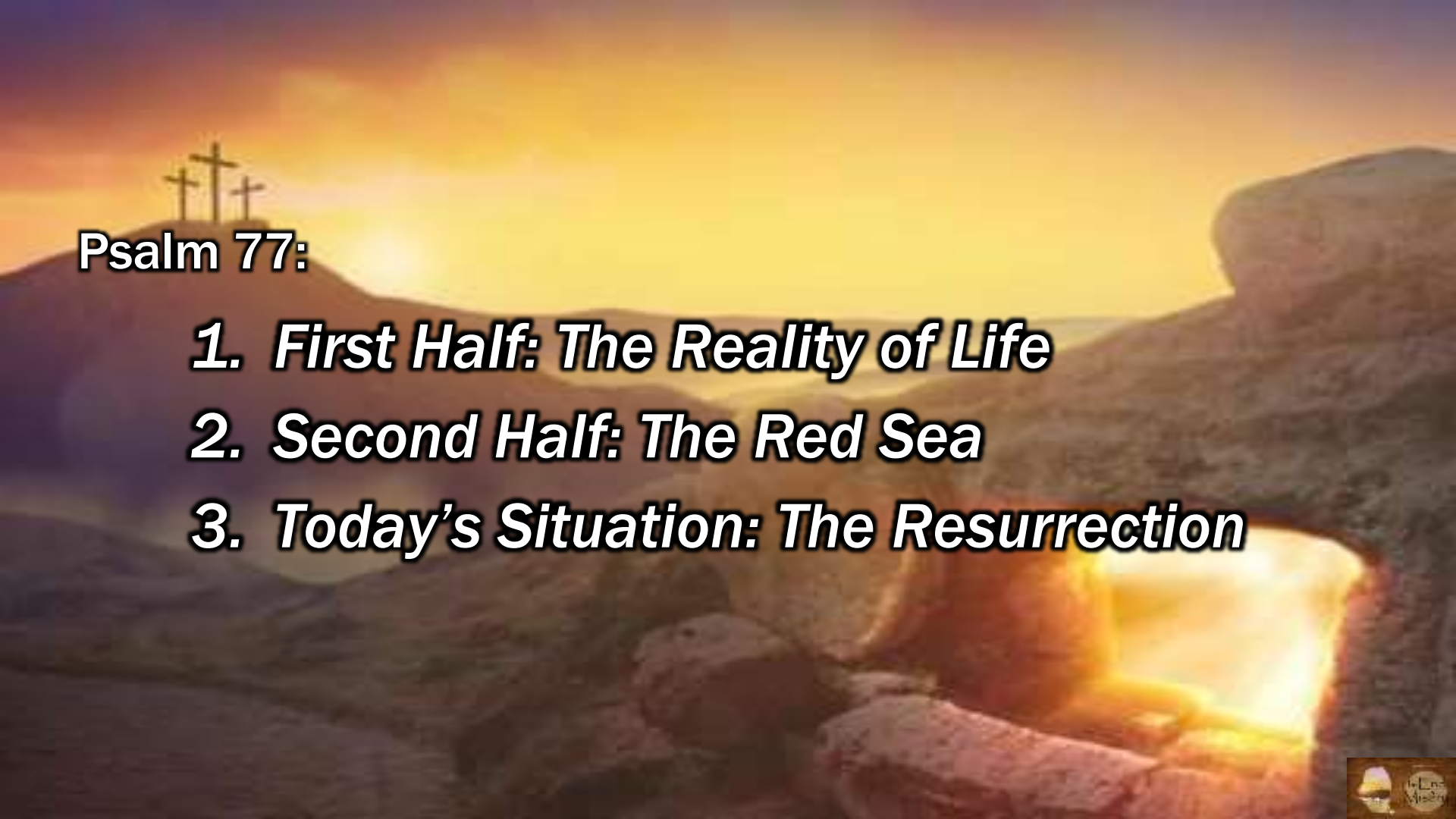


Agape Easter Service



The End of Misery

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Psalm 77:

- 1. First Half: The Reality of Life***
- 2. Second Half: The Red Sea***
- 3. Today's Situation: The Resurrection***



The background image is a composite of two scenes. The foreground shows a large, dark, rectangular stone rolled away from a tomb entrance, which is filled with a bright, golden light. The background features a hazy, mountainous landscape under a warm, orange and yellow sky, with three crosses visible on a distant hill.

1. First Half: The Reality of Life



**“Anguished perplexity over
God’s apparent inaction,
when he fails to respond to
unceasing and urgent prayers.”**

(NIV Study Bible Notes)



***“I cried out to God for help;
I cried out to God to hear me”***

Psalm 77:1



“When I was in distress, I sought the Lord”

Psalm 77:2a



***“At night I stretched out untiring hands
and my soul refused to be comforted.”***

Psalm 77:2b



“I remembered you, O God, and I groaned”

Psalm 77:3a



“I mused, and my spirit grew faint”

Psalm 77:3b



“You kept my eyes from closing.”

Psalm 77:4



“I was too troubled to speak”

Psalm 77:4b





***“I thought about the former days,
the years of long ago.”***


Psalm 77:5



“I remembered my songs in the night.”

Psalm 77:6





***“My heart mused and my spirit inquired:
‘Will the LORD reject forever?
Will he never show his favour again?
Has his unfailing love vanished forever?
Has his promise failed for all time?
Has God forgotten to be merciful?
Has he in anger withheld his compassion?”***

Psalm 77:6b-9



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2. Second Half: The Red Sea



***“Then I thought, ‘To this I will appeal:
the years of the right hand of the Most High.’”***

Psalm 77:10



***“with [him] a day is like a thousand years,
and a thousand years are like a day”***

2 Peter 3:8



***“I will remember the deeds of the LORD;
yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago.”***

Psalm 77:11



***“I will meditate on all your works and
consider all your mighty deeds”***

Psalm 77:12



***“Your ways, O God, are holy.
What god is so great as our God?
You are the God who performs miracles;
you display your power among the peoples.”***

Psalm 77:13-14



***“With your mighty arm
you redeemed your people,
the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.”***

Psalm 77:15



*"The waters saw you, O God,
the waters saw you and writhed;
the very depths were convulsed.
The clouds poured down like water,
the skies resounded with thunder;
your arrows flashed back and forth.
Your thunder was heard in the whirlwind,
your lightning lit up the world;
the earth trembled and quaked..."*

Psalm 77:16-20



*Your path led through the mighty waters,
though your footprints were not seen.
You led your people like a flock by the hand of
Moses and Aaron.”*

Psalm 77:16-20



***“Has any god ever tried to take for himself
one nation out of another nation, by testings,
by miraculous signs and wonders, by war,
by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm,
or by great and awesome deeds,
like all the things the LORD your God did for you
in Egypt before your very eyes?”***

Deuteronomy 4:34



The background image is a composite of two scenes. The upper portion shows a hazy, golden-hued sky at sunrise or sunset, with three crosses silhouetted against the light on a distant hill. The lower portion shows a close-up of a large, rough-hewn stone rolled away from the entrance of a tomb, which is filled with a bright, warm light. The overall mood is one of hope and divine light.

3. Today's Situation: The Resurrection



***“At this point Festus interrupted Paul’s defense.
‘You are out of your mind, Paul!’ he shouted.
‘Your great learning is driving you insane.’
‘I am not insane, most excellent Festus,
Paul replied.’***

Acts 26:24-26



***‘What I am saying is true and reasonable.
The king is familiar with these things,
and I can speak freely to him.
I am convinced that none of this
has escaped his notice,
because it was not done in a corner.’***

Acts 26:24-26



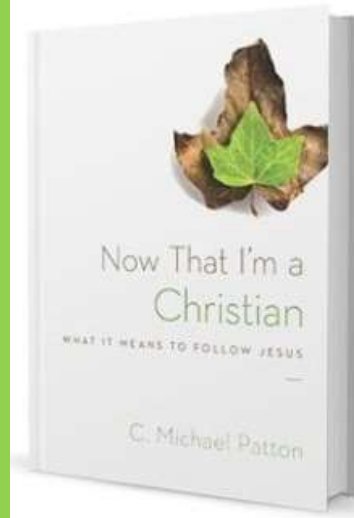
***“and that he appeared to Peter,
and then to the Twelve.***

***After that, he appeared to more than
five hundred of the brothers at the same time,
most of whom were still living***”

1 Corinthians 15:5-6

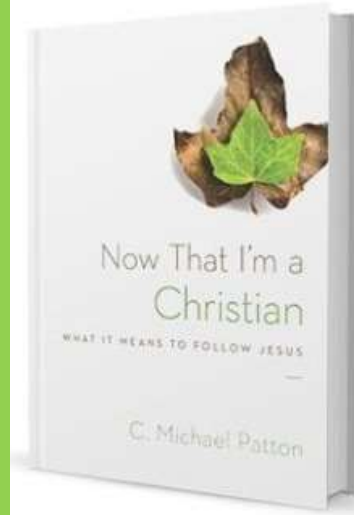


***“Here’s how Christianity started:
After a public ministry, Christ was
killed publicly. [Then] Christ rose from
a public tomb publicly. Christ publicly
showed himself to the public. The
public told everyone what they saw.***



***Here's how other religions started:
Private dream about God or ...
Private angelic encounter about God...
or .. Private idea about God. [Then] one
person told everyone what he saw."***

**Michael Patton, Now That I'm A Christian:
What It Means To Follow Christ.**



“For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead”

Acts 17:31



***“If Christ has not been raised,
your faith is futile;
you are still in your sins...
But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead.”***

1 Corinthians 15:17,20

