

JOURNEY WITH THE RABBI

THE CRUCIFIXION: Part 3

The Sixth Day, The Skull, and The Restoration of Man

7 Day Devotional · Reflection · Spiritual Audit

DAY 1

THE SIXTH DAY MYSTERY

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:26–31 John 19:30

Man was created on the sixth day.

Man fell on the sixth day.

Messiah dies on the sixth day.

This is not coincidence.

The cross is not disconnected from creation.

It is creation being restored.

The rabbis taught that Adam fell on the same day he was created. Humanity was given glory and lost it almost immediately. The sixth day therefore becomes the day of both human potential and human failure.

Yet God chooses the very same day for redemption.

The place of the fall becomes the place of reversal.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Where in my life have I accepted failure as final instead of seeing it as a place God may still redeem?
2. Do I relate to my weaknesses as permanent identity markers or as places awaiting restoration?

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SPIRITUAL AUDIT

1. What recurring struggle reveals that I still fundamentally expect disappointment more than redemption?
2. Where have I unconsciously made peace with being less than who God created me to be?

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DAY 2

THE GLORY THAT WAS LOST

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 3:17–19 *Romans 3:23*

Rabbinic tradition says Adam lost six things through sin:

- radiance
- intimacy
- fruitfulness
- dominion
- ease
- life

Humanity did not merely become guilty.

Humanity became diminished.

The image remained.

The glory faded.

Sin reduces. It contracts the soul. It narrows vision. It turns kings into survivors.

But Messiah comes not only to forgive humanity. He comes to restore what humanity lost.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Where have I settled for survival instead of spiritual fullness?
2. What has sin, disappointment, or fear diminished in me over time?

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SPIRITUAL AUDIT

1. What part of my spiritual life has become functional but no longer alive?
2. Where have I learned to manage emptiness instead of confronting it?

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DAY 3

THE SECOND ADAM

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 15:45 John 2:6

There were six stone jars.

Water becomes wine.

What was empty becomes full.

What was ordinary becomes transformed.

Messiah comes as the Second Adam to reverse the first Adam's failure.

The first Adam reaches for what is forbidden.

The Second Adam surrenders Himself completely.

The first Adam brings exile.

The Second Adam opens the way home.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Where am I still trying to fill spiritual emptiness through natural means?
2. What areas of my life need transformation instead of mere improvement?

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SPIRITUAL AUDIT

1. Where do I resist surrender while still asking God for transformation?
2. What pattern in my life reveals that I want redemption without death to self?

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DAY 4

THE VAV CONNECTION

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:1 Ephesians 2:13

The Hebrew letter ם Vav equals six.
Its function is connection.

“Heaven and earth.”

The Vav joins things together.

Sin broke the connection between heaven and earth. Humanity became disconnected from God, others, and even itself.

Then Messiah is pierced with nails.

Vavim.

The very symbol of connection becomes the instrument of restoration.

The cross reconnects what the fall severed.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Where in my life do I feel internally divided or disconnected?
2. What relationships or areas of fellowship need healing and reconnection?

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SPIRITUAL AUDIT

1. Where do my habits reveal disconnection between what I profess and how I actually live?
2. What am I clinging to that keeps me emotionally or spiritually fragmented?

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DAY 5

666 AND THE BEAST WITHIN

SCRIPTURE

Revelation 13:18

666 is the number of man intensified.

Humanity without God becomes beast-like.

Adam without Aleph becomes merely *dam*, blood, flesh, instinct.

When humanity disconnects from God, appetite begins to rule identity.

The issue is not merely evil “out there.”

The issue is what governs us within.

Messiah restores the Aleph.

The breath of God returns to man.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What appetites or impulses most often compete with God’s rule in my life?
2. Where am I being shaped more by the world’s system than by God’s Spirit?

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SPIRITUAL AUDIT

1. What do my reflexive reactions reveal about what truly governs me?
2. If someone observed my private life, what would they conclude rules my heart?

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DAY 6

GOLGOTHA AND THE PLACE OF THE HEAD

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 27:33 Romans 5:17–19

Messiah dies at the Place of the Skull.

Golgotha is not random geography.
It is theological geography.

The battle begins at the head.

Adam was the first head of humanity.
Messiah comes as the new head.

The cross is not merely about suffering.
It is about authority, identity, and restoration.

At Golgotha, God confronts the corruption at the root.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What thought patterns most shape the direction of my life?
2. Where has shame distorted my sense of identity?

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SPIRITUAL AUDIT

1. What recurring mindset reveals that I still think more like fallen Adam than redeemed humanity?
2. Where do I allow accusation to speak louder than God's declaration over me?

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DAY 7

ROLLED AWAY

SCRIPTURE

Joshua 5:9 John 20:1

Gilgal comes from גלגל *galal*.

To roll away.

At Gilgal, Israel's reproach was rolled away.

At Golgotha, humanity's shame is rolled away.

The stone is rolled away not merely to let Messiah out.

It is to reveal that death no longer has the final word.

Redemption is not theoretical.

Something has truly shifted.

The burden of Egypt.

The burden of sin.

The burden of shame.

Rolled away.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What reproach or shame do I continue to carry that God is asking me to release?
2. What would change if I truly believed the stone had already been rolled away?

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SPIRITUAL AUDIT

1. Where do I still define myself by what God has already removed?
2. What would it cost me emotionally to fully live as someone who has been redeemed?

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REFERENCE

10 HEBREW WORDS FROM THIS TEACHING

1. יום הששי (Yom HaShishi) — The sixth day
2. ו (Vav) — The sixth Hebrew letter, symbolizing connection
3. אדם (Adam) — Humanity; man formed from the earth
4. דם (Dam) — Blood
5. אלה (Aleph) — The first letter, symbolizing God's breath and divine source
6. גולגולת (Gulgolet) — Skull, head, census
7. ראש (Rosh) — Head, chief, source
8. ראשון (Rishon) — First, primary
9. גלל (Galal) — To roll away
10. חרפה (Cherpah) — Reproach, shame

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