

EXPERIENCE THE LAND AND THE BOOK  
A PLACE FOR PONDERING AND PRAISE  
ISAIAH 53:3–6; 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23–30; 15:4



### The Heart of the Matter

Even without that spring weekend two thousand years ago, Jerusalem would be an incredible place. The central narrative of Scripture, both completed and yet to come, revolves around this land and this city. Yet only on one event does history swing on its hinge: the weekend when Jesus Christ suffered, died, and rose again, according to Scripture. And it happened in Jerusalem. It was in Jerusalem that the life of everyone who has turned to God was set apart. It's at the cross of Jesus Christ that life begins. And when we talk about His resurrection, we move from today into eternity. The death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ make up the most critical event in history—one worthy of our pause, our pondering, and our praise.



### Discovering the Way

#### 1. Pause and Ponder the Death of Christ (Isaiah 53:3–6)

Everything within us urges us to rush past the torturous scene of Jesus's suffering and death. How easy to forget the agony and simply focus on the ecstasy of the resurrection! But let's pause a moment and ponder Jesus's death.

#### 2. Pause and Praise God for the Cross and the Tomb (1 Corinthians 11:23–30; 15:4)

The Lord's Table was established to slow us down, to quiet us, to take us back. The Lord's Table helps us remember Jesus's ignoble death and His glorious resurrection.

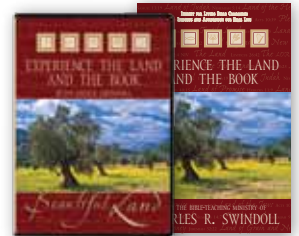


### Starting Your Journey

Pause right where you are and ponder the death of Christ—a death He died to save you from your sin. And then praise Him for His resurrection, which ensures life eternal for all who believe.

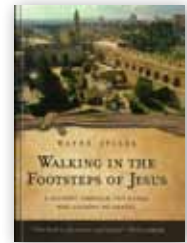


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