



Spiraling Light

Dirge and Dawn: *A Holy Week Narrative of Witness and Formation*

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Genre: Narrative theology and spiritual formation (Holy Week narrative)

Audience: Pastors, small group leaders, and lay readers seeking a fresh, immersive way to walk through Holy Week

Projected length: About 30,000 words

Project Overview

Dirge & Dawn is a Holy Week narrative told through the eyes of an unnamed disciple who walks the road from palms to the empty tomb. Grounded in the Gospel accounts and enriched with restrained historical imagination, it traces the movement from confusion and sorrow into astonished hope.

Following the days of Holy Week, each section invites readers into the sights and tensions of Jesus' final days and closes with a brief reflection that turns story into prayer. The book serves as a companion for personal devotion, small groups, and congregations in the weeks leading up to Easter.

Distinctives

- **Immersive first-person voice**
Told through the eyes of a disciple who loves Jesus and wrestles with his own fears, the story draws readers in at heart level as fellow followers, rather than distant observers.
- **Text rooted, imaginatively developed**
The narrative grows directly from the Gospel accounts, honoring the biblical text while using restrained imagination to fill in setting, emotion, and dialogue in service of a vivid and faithful experience.
- **Spiritually formative structure**
Each movement of the week ends with a brief reflection that invites confession, honest lament, and renewed faith in Christ's finished work, making the book a natural fit for spiritual formation.
- **Pastoral and congregational usability**
Scenes and reflections can be used for Holy Week services, retreats, or small group discussions. The tone is warm, reverent, and accessible for both seasoned believers and those approaching the story with fresh questions.
- **Companion to Formed by the Word resources**
While *Dirge & Dawn* stands on its own, it complements the broader *Formed by the Word* vision, helping readers experience the passion of Christ not only as doctrine to affirm but as a story that reshapes loves, loyalties, and daily life.

Sample Materials

Please visit this web page for:

- A full sample chapter
- The matching lesson handout
- Introductory material

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