

A script from



“Day of Hope”
A Responsive Reading
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- What** It's remarkable to think that the worst day of Jesus' life was not a day of defeat, but of victory...and our day of hope.
Themes: Easter, Celebration, Victory, Cross, Jesus, Salvation, Redeemer, Worship
- Who** Reader 1
Reader 2
Reader 3
Congregation
- When** Present
- Wear (Props)** No props are needed. Readers can read the script either from music stands or holding black three-ring binders.
- Why** John 11:25-26
- How** When reading, be sure that your words flow with each other's- as if all 3 Readers are one reader. Also, be sure to lead out and read along with the Congregation.
- Time** Approximately 1-3 minutes

Readers enter and address the audience.

R1: It's remarkable to think that the greatest day of my life...

R2: Happened before I even took a breath.

R3: The day that changed me forever - came before my forever began.

C: **My day of hope.**

R1: The day that Jesus conquered sin.

R2: Conquered death.

R3: And rescued me from a world that I had yet to enter.

C: **My day of hope.**

R1: It's remarkable to think that the worst day of Jesus' life...

R2: The day He was denied,

R3: Degraded,

R1: And died a cruel death...

R2: Was not a day of defeat,

R3: But a day of victory.

C: **My day of hope.**

R1: I celebrate this day!

R2: I exalt the one who anguished on my behalf.

R3: Jesus - who took to the grave my blame.

R1: Jesus - who took to the grave my burden.

R2: Jesus - who walked out of that grave on the third day!

C: **My day of hope!**

R3: "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live even if he dies, and the one who lives and believes in me will never die."
(John 11:25-26)

R1: Thank you, Jesus, for the cross!

- R2: Thank you for my life!
- R3: Thank you that nothing -
- R1: Nothing can separate me from Your love.
- R2: Thank you, Jesus for the cross!
- R3: Thank you for giving me hope -
- R1: Hope that does not depend on my own strength.
- R2: Hope that is not sustained by good circumstances.
- R3: Hope that does not end with the grave -
- R1: But carries me into eternity,
- R2: To be forever surrounded by Your glory!
- R3: Thank you, Jesus!
- C: **"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you believe in Him, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:13) Amen.**