

“A LONELY LANDSCAPE”

This is the morning man looked into the tomb where Jesus laid and discovered: He is not there; He is risen! The resurrection tilts the perspective 180 degrees as the brightness of the Son banishes the haunting clouds of death. All is not lost. Hope has not departed. Its Resurrection morning and He is alive.

A WALK THROUGH THE GARDENS

① The P _____ Garden

In this first garden _____ with God, they're now running from God.

Since the _____ of sin is _____, not life, they must be expelled.

The fallout: God now walks in the garden _____.

② The P _____ Garden

The sin of man has led the Son of God to this moment in His life. This penalty owed to the Father must be settled. The wages of sin must be paid.

Returning to find His disciples _____, He truly is alone.

_____, He kneels before the One whose wrath He would bear for the sins of the world. This cup of wrath, reserved for mankind, would instead be drunk by the Son of God.

③ The P _____ Garden

Alone He bore the sins of the world and alone He lies under the _____ of this sin.

The wages of sin is death and this payment becomes His appointed _____.

CONCLUSION

Three gardens that bring us to Easter. Yet from the very ashes of death begins to emerge the beauty of life. From the misery of a _____ arises the miracle of a _____. Enter amazing love, as access to this *tree of life* opens again through the Son's execution on a *tree of death*.

God reestablishes that which had been lost in the fall when He Himself took the fall and offered up His own life.

In the first garden, God ultimately _____ alone. In the second garden, He completely _____ alone. In the third garden, He was finally _____ alone. But in the fourth garden – heaven – He will be right there with His people, who will worship Him forevermore! Broken communion with God will be restored – all because of Jesus on Resurrection day.