

ONE MINUTE MESSAGE

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"It's Friday. The disciples have all abandoned their master. Peter denies that he knows the Lord. But Sunday's coming.

"It's Friday. Jesus is beaten, mocked and ridiculed by the Roman soldiers. But Sunday's coming."

And on it goes: "It's Friday. Jesus is in the tomb. Heaven is silent. Satan is laughing because he thinks he's won. But Sunday's coming."

What a great sermon.

For some of you, it's been Friday for a long time. You've taken some hits. You've lost some battles. You've failed, and then failed again.

Remember, though, it's only Friday.

Sunday's coming.

As the angel said to the women on Easter morning: *"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'"*

Then they remembered his words. (Luke 24:5-8)

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