

**Easter Week: Later That Same Day...
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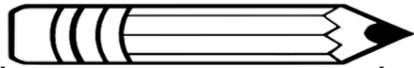
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8. V35-36 (See John 8:12.) What warning is Jesus giving here? What challenge is there for us as we think about sharing Jesus, shining his light in this world and bearing fruit for God's glory?
9. As we approach Easter take time to thank Jesus for dying for you, for being willing to be obedient to death on a cross. Pray for each other and encourage one another to follow Jesus, taking up our cross, trading the immediate for the ultimate, for the glory of God.

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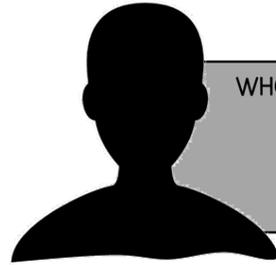
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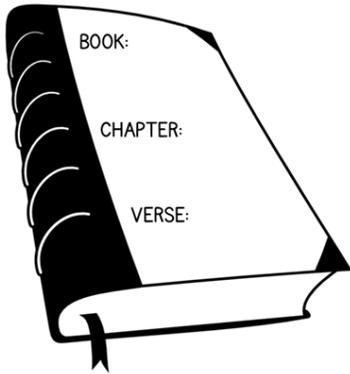
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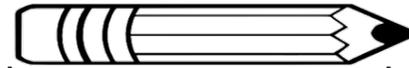


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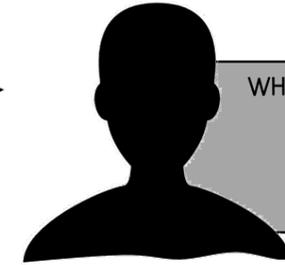
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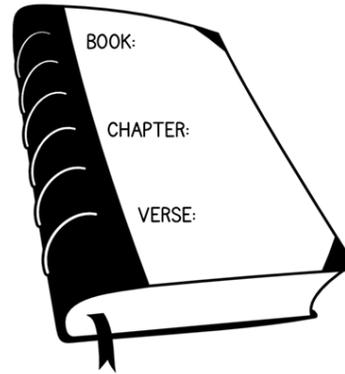
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