

## Day 11

### You

“You” is a three-letter word we use every day. It’s a simple pronoun that takes the place of a proper name. We often use this word to address groups of people. “How are you tonight?” or “It’s good to see you.” “You” may mean a bunch of friends or a room full of people.

That is how I have read this word in different passages of the Bible, but one day in the midst of our marriage crisis it sounded different.

Announcing the birth of Jesus, an angel told a group of shepherds, “I bring you good news that will cause great joy...a Savior has been born to you” (Luke 2:10-11).

Sure, I think the angel meant “you” as in “all y’all.” (That’s how we’d say it in Texas.)

Go ahead and hear “you” in the corporate sense now. A Savior has been born for all. For God so loved . . . the world.

Then pause, take a deep breath, and hear “you” as the very personal pronoun that it is.

Do YOU want help?

Do YOU long for hope?

Do YOU need rescue?

A Savior has been born to YOU. You matter.

Twenty chapters later, we see Jesus using this same little word just before his death.

“This is my body given for you . . . This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you” (Luke 22:19–20).

Sometimes it’s easier to read this passage with a whole-world

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perspective, like a soft-focus lens on the price paid for me. When I read “you” as a private personal pronoun, I’m shocked and overwhelmed that I would be worth so much. Jesus is saying I am.

For all the times you feel like you are not worthy of love, Jesus is saying you are.

Jesus’ body was broken for you, for the sin that separated you from God, and for the pain sin has caused.

Yes, he died for the “you” that encompasses all, but inside that word lies each precious soul, each cherished individual. See yourself in that word. You are worthy of great love and sacrifice.

**Today I will embrace salvation  
in the most private, personal way.**

### **Reflect and Respond:**

Read the following verses again, replacing “you” with your own name.

“Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to \_\_\_\_\_; he is Christ the Lord” (Luke 2:10–11).

“And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is my body given for \_\_\_\_\_; do this in remembrance of me.’ In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for \_\_\_\_\_’ (Luke 22:19–20).

In what way do you need a Savior today?

Was it difficult to replace “you” with your own name? How?

Take communion, remembering Jesus’ life poured out for you in the most personal, intimate sense.