

## **“The Body and the Blood”**

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**What** This Reader’s Theatre script helps to guide the congregation into Good Friday to remember the suffering of Christ and to take a moment to pray for those who still suffer for His Name.

**Themes:** Good Friday, Crucifixion, Suffering Church, Persecuted Church, Resurrection, Reader’s Theatre

**Who** Reader 1  
Reader 2

**When** Present

**Wear (Props)** Unless you have the script memorized, Readers should have a black binder to read from.

**Why** 1 Corinthians 12:26 and Isaiah 53:5-8

**How** If you read this from the script, be familiar enough with your lines so that your head isn’t down in the script the entire time. Embrace the awe and mystery of the scripture. For more ideas, watch [How to Perform a Readers Theatre](#) at SkitGuys.com!

**Time** Approximately 4 minutes

*Readers enter and address the audience.*

**Reader 1:** Easter is a collision of events so different from each other it's hard to understand.

**Reader 2:** The darkest valley of despair is set beside the highest mountain of hope.

**Reader 1:** Christ's death and resurrection jolt us with the deepest emotions we can experience.

**Reader 2:** The world changed forever at Golgotha on that Friday

**Reader 1:** As God's plan of redemption for all men and women was accomplished through Christ's suffering on the cross.

**Reader 2:** The three dark days of Christ's absence when he was pulled from the cross and buried

**Reader 1:** Might as well have been three centuries

**Reader 2:** For they were the darkest days, when he was sealed in the tomb.

**Reader 1:** Those three dark days hang over us like a heavy cloud when we take time to remember them.

**Reader 2:** Before we rush to the joy of the resurrection

**Reader 1:** The inexpressible relief and surprise that Jesus rose from the grave

**Reader 2:** Let us pause to remember His suffering

**Reader 1:** And His pain.

**Reader 2:** The precious life, the precious blood of our Lord

**Reader 1:** Given for us

**Reader 2:** Through such agony and such pain.

**Reader 1:** His body broken

**Reader 2:** His blood shed

**Reader 1:** For us.

**Reader 2:** When we take the elements in our hands

**Reader 1:** The bread and the wine

**Reader 2:** We remember the body and the blood of Jesus.

**Reader 1:** And let us not forget, dear friends, those brothers and sisters around the world who suffer because of that Name.

**Reader 2:** As we take up the symbol of Christ's body and his blood between finger and thumb

**Reader 1:** Let us remember that all over the world men, women and children like me and like you

**Reader 2:** Suffer because of their faith.

**Reader 1:** This, too, is a dark cloud that hangs over us.

**Reader 2:** When one of our members suffers, we all suffer.

**Reader 1:** Let us remember that today believers all over the world are persecuted for their faith.

**Reader 2:** Take a moment right now to quietly pray for persecuted believers.

*Pause for a silent moment of prayer.*

**Reader 1:** How simple it is for some to shed blood and inflict pain.

**Reader 2:** How simple it seems for skin to be pierced by shrapnel or a whip or the sharp point of a spear.

**Reader 1:** How simple it is for us to take the bread and the wine of communion

**Reader 2:** To receive the mercy of Christ.

**Reader 1:** Even our tears seem to spill with more restraint than the blood of our Lord.

**Reader 2:** Yet somehow it transforms the unholy.

**Reader 1:** Somehow Christ's blood splinters open a gap in the darkness

**Reader 2:** To grant us a blinding glimpse of eternity

**Reader 1:** Although our hearts are heavy as we remember what our Lord suffered

**Reader 2:** And although our hearts are heavy as we remember our brothers and sisters who suffer for His name

**Reader 1:** We cannot forget

**Reader 2:** And we will not forget

**Reader 1:** That all suffering will end because of what Christ did on the cross.

**Reader 2:** From where we are caught between the first, and the final resurrection.

**Reader 1:** Today we cling to the hope of Easter

**Reader 2:** And remember that the darkness will come to an end.

**Reader 1:** With hope we remember that though Christ was crucified, death could not contain him.

**Reader 2:** The darkness could not swallow him

**Reader 1:** And even death has no victory or sting for those who believe in his precious Name.

**Reader 2:** Thank you God, for the gift of Jesus.

**Reader 1:** For the Body and the Blood

**Reader 2:** Thank you that you did not spare your Son but gave his life as a ransom for many.

**Reader 1:** Today we remember, and we believe.

**Reader 2:** Amen.

*Lights out.*