

**The Reflection from Pastor Fr. John
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THE PASSION



In the story of the Passion there are no happy endings at any time. No one speaks up for Jesus. No one comes to his rescue. No one saves him at the last moment.

The story ends with the unhappiest of endings.

Perhaps that Gospel teaches us that as much as we might wish it, every situation in our lives does not have a happy ending. It teaches us that the good do not escape suffering. It teaches us that darkness can overcome the

light and “bad guys” can win. It teaches us that God does not act like a superhero who arrives at the last minute to make sure everything turns out right.

Life is not a series of situations filled with happy endings – not even for those who strive to be faithful to God. If it was not like that for Jesus, the most perfect, loving, and faithful Son of God, why should we expect it to be like that for us.

But while this life does not always have its happy endings, we know that ultimately there is a happy ending. That is the message that we celebrate next Sunday, Easter Sunday, and it is the message that we proclaim each time we gather at the altar of the Lord.

We all like stories with happy endings, and so does God. God writes that happy ending in the pages of eternity.

With affection and the promise of my prayers and my blessing. Please do not forget to pray for me.

Father John Carlos