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Dear John Allen,

My five o’clock headache went off this AM, and I was reminded of all those who had enriched my life; more recently through you and the deep spiritual lessons you brought us in T.C. You pinpointed so many things the usual preacher never even talks about and made me see the reason I had failed to reach those I had tried to reach.

That dramatic description of the sufferings of Christ in that last sermon almost put me under the seat. It sent me scurrying to reread the gospels and to read again my copy of Giavonni’s description of the last days of Christ in his book, The Life of Christ. He takes about 80 pages of his book for this part, and your sermon surpassed it. This old book is a translation from Italian and is rich in word pictures.
I'll be glad to share it with you if you do not have access to it since it is an old book and probably out of print.

After today I'll be in the Methodist Hosp in Houston in the Medical Center. After a few days of rest, slowing up the heart, I'll undergo a brain study and possible surgery + radiation or both.

Matt 25 burdens my heart as I'll be surrounded with the best in medical care heaped upon me - I hope to live long enough to help the church reach out a little on the side. I'm afraid I'll do until then I can't help. You breathed new life into T.C. Pray that I'll accept the days ahead as I should. Thanking you again — Eva Howard

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