

Holy Week & EASTER

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APRIL 3 - THE PREQUEL | LAZARUS

JOHN 11 & 12:9-11

1. When have you felt despair like Mary and Martha, waited on the Lord, and it seemed he did not answer your prayer? How did you see this as an opportunity to deepen your faith?
2. Times of pain and confusion are faith opportunities to draw closer to Jesus and show God's glory to others. How can this passage of scripture help you with any "if only..." (v. 21) situations?
3. What words did Jesus use to call Lazarus out of the grave?
4. Jesus deliberately waited to demonstrate His life-giving power and victory over death. What life-giving power that comes from Jesus do you need for yourself, or to demonstrate to another?
5. God's works and words divided people. We continue to see division today with how people view Jesus and the church. How might you respond to those who oppose Jesus while still showing you value every[one]?
6. Lazarus was given new life. How do you suppose he was able to impact the world with the love of Jesus? If you have been given life by the waters of baptism then how are you living to impact the world with the love of Jesus?

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APRIL 10 - PALM SUNDAY | 2 DISCIPLES AND A CROWD

MATTHEW 21:1-11

1. Jesus told the two disciples to go into the village and get the donkey and colt. The owner needed only be told, "The Lord needs them." How willing are you to obey Jesus without questioning Him? Which of your possessions; money, time, talent, and family are available to Him?
2. Jesus rode the colt, representing peace, into Jerusalem and fulfilled prophesy (Zechariah 9:9). When have you experienced the peace that only Jesus can offer? How has that experience changed your life? Who do you know who needs the Prince of Peace today?
3. The people recognized Jesus as the rightful King waving palm branches and shouting "Hosanna". In what ways do you praise the Lord? What changes might you make to give Him praise every day?
4. Jesus began His journey toward the cross on Palm Sunday and we know He won the battle over sin and death. How does the reality of what Jesus did for you change the way you will celebrate Him this week? Who will you pray for and invite to church Easter Sunday?

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APRIL 14 - MAUNDY THURSDAY | PETER

LUKE 22

1. Jesus sent Peter and John to prepare for the Passover meal. What might the Lord be asking you to do for Him today? It might be to volunteer with kids or students, maybe with a Step Out opportunity? Are you being called to lead an adult small group? How will you respond and follow Jesus?
2. Peter refused to accept Jesus' humility. What ways can you show that kind of humility to others?
3. Consider the ways Jesus showed patience to his enemy, his circumstances and even to Peter. When have you experienced Jesus' patience? How did that change you? How difficult is it for you to show patience to your enemy or circumstances?
4. Jesus prayed for Peter's faith not to fail. Who do you know that may be facing trials or uncertainties needing you to pray for their faith not to fail? Who do you know that might not know the faith you have in the grace of Jesus and how will you share your faith with them?

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APRIL 15 - GOOD FRIDAY | SIMON OF CYRENE

LUKE 23:26-31

1. What do you consider to be a heavy weight to carry and how willing are you to carry the 'cross' for Christ's kingdom? (See Matthew 16:24-26)
2. Have your plans ever been interrupted by an unforeseen event? How did your attitude toward the situation impact others with the love of Jesus?
3. Simon happened to be the person the Roman soldier picked to carry the cross. We do not know much about him. There is no mention of Simon knowing about Jesus yet he played a significant part in Christ's death. We do know about Jesus and we also played a part in His death on the cross through our sin. How does the truth that we played a part in Jesus' death impact your thoughts, your heart for Him and your actions?
4. God allowed Jesus to die a criminal's death, yet he was innocent of sin. Consider the penalty of judgment those who reject Jesus will face. How can the truth of God's coming judgment on the world interrupt the way you live? Who do you know that needs to hear about Jesus' gift of salvation?

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APRIL 16 & 17 - EASTER WEEKEND | CLEOPAS

LUKE 24:13-35

1. From Luke 24, list all that Jesus did after He rose from the tomb.
How meaningful are these actions for you to live your life today?
2. What did Jesus tell the disciples was necessary for him to do?
Is the cross enough to save us? (see Romans 1:4 and I Corinthians 15:12-19)
3. What is our responsibility as believers in Jesus?
How can you show up in the lives of others so they encounter Jesus?
4. What promise did Jesus give His disciples and why is it essential in order to be effective witnesses?
5. Pray for God to open your eyes to ways you can be working for Jesus and impacting the world!