

Sermon Series: Journey to the Cross: How the last hours of Jesus life can change you.

April 12, 2020



### *Invite a Friend*

The world is not what it was two months ago. Many are wrestling with fear, anxiety and cabin fever as they feel life has been put on hold.

Relationships can crack and strain. Fears can whisper in our ears as uncertainty continues to

grow. What will be the new norm? How can you prepare for the insecurity that has been building from a snowball into an avalanche? Perhaps you are discovering that the hollow promises you built your life on are not meeting the reality of your world.

Have you ever asked yourself if there is more to life? Is there a sense that something is missing? Are you tired of big promises that turn out to be empty? Are you ready to move past the uncertainty? Explore how you can discover joy.

Discover how you can have the life you were created to live. This is not some shallow look at pop psychology with its inflated promises and deflated results. Unashamedly we will be delving into time tested truths that are given in the Bible. Specifically, we will be looking at the short letter a man named Paul wrote while sitting in a prison cell waiting execution.

What are the daily implications of Easter that can change your life? We find part of the answer here. In our very first session we will uncover how to develop confidence with God and others that will allow us to thrive amidst the trials that can bitterly disappoint and discourage.

Join us at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday, April 19, on Facebook live.

Invite a friend to join us.

Each week we will look at a different biblical truth that can transform.

Do not settle for the uncertainty – Choose Joy.

### Sermon Notes



Big Idea: The resurrection of Jesus can change your life, if you allow it.

## **Going to the Next Level**

You are encouraged to read verses before and after the selected passages.

Sunday: Matthew 27:27-54 the crucifixion

Monday: Matthew 28:1-10 The RESURRECTION

Tuesday: Mark 15:22-41 Mark's account of the crucifixion.

Wednesday: Romans 5:6-19 New life comes through Christ.

Thursday: Romans 4:25 Delivered to death for our sins, raised for our justification.

Friday: 2 Corinthians 5:14-21 In Christ we become a new creation.

Saturday: Galatians 3:10-14 Christ redeemed us.

### ***This week's memory verse***

*When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely he was the Son of God!"*      Matthew 27:54 NIV

### ***Do You Need Forgiveness?***

Because Jesus died (and rose from the dead) for you, you can experience forgiveness. There is much we do wrong in this life. Many of the decisions we make end up weighing heavy upon our soul. The longer we carry the burden, the more it drags us down. The Bible shows us that the death and resurrection of Jesus make it possible for us to be forgiven. In fact, it can go much deeper than that. Based on the Bible and the character of God we can be given life eternal. That new life starts the moment we ask Him for forgiveness and turn our life over to God.

Understand, Jesus came to change us. This change does not occur because we do good things. The change occurs when we make Jesus the center of our life. We make decisions that seek to please God first. We choose to place ourselves under the authority of Christ. We confess what we have done that displeases Christ.

Are you carrying a burden you want to get rid of? Do you sense that you are being held down by the things you have done? Do you long to be freed from what has been holding you back? Give your life to Jesus today. Start the journey to a new life. Discover God's abundant love.

The message of Jesus cannot be stopped. How can this give you courage in telling others about Him?

Why do some who call themselves Christians resist what God wants to do in their life?

When was the last time you were involved in telling another person about Jesus? What were the obstacles you had to overcome?

Fear, f-e-a-r—false expectations appearing real.

The presence of Jesus will change your fear to joy. Joy is not situational or circumstantial. Joy is a disposition of the heart that says, "God, you are God, and I trust you."

If Jesus is who he said he is the only proper response is absolute allegiance. Where do you stand in relationship to Jesus in your life? What prevents you from giving your absolute allegiance to Jesus?

Thanks for being with us today! Your presence has been appreciated.

If you do not regularly attend a church,  
please accept our invitation to come again.

Our new series starts next Sunday!

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