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Why Christ Calls Us to Worship

Easter services are usually well attended, but what about other weeks? What draws you to worship on an “average” Sunday, and what might Jesus have in store for people in the pews?

Consider this from Pastor Charles Aaron: “Did we come to church this morning thinking it was a safe thing to do? Did we come with some expectation of receiving a blessing, a bit of comfort, but no real challenge? Did we think about the possibility that encountering Jesus would rearrange our lives, explode our priorities, cause us to give more than we ever expected? Did we think we could get a little something from Jesus, a dose of grace to help us through the week? Did we come for the fellowship, the music, the spiritual boost? No one can argue with those reasons.”

He continues: “The risen Christ, however, may have had other plans for this worship service. Christ may want to come under our skins and transform us. Christ may see through us so that something we have well-hidden comes to the surface. Christ may kick out from under us the things we use to prop ourselves up but that we don’t really need. Are we ready for that? Did we bargain on that when we walked through the door today?”

—from *The Wired Word*

By
his
wounds
we are
healed.

Isaiah 53:5, NIV





Why Friday is Good

To participate in the sacrificial life and death of Jesus Christ is to live already in his kingdom.

This is the essence of the Christian message, the heart of the Good News, and it is why the cross has become the chief Christian symbol.

A cross of all things — a guillotine, a gallows — but the cross at the same time as the crossroads of eternity and time, as the place where such a mighty heart was broken that the healing power of God himself could flow through it into a sick and broken world. It was for this reason that of all the possible words they could have used to describe the day of his death, the word they settled on was “good.” *Good Friday.*

—Frederick Buechner

A Love-filled Victory

It's tough to read about Jesus' agony on the cross, where he felt “forsaken” by God (see Matthew 27:46). But as Philip Yancey explains in *Where Is God When It Hurts?* the Father didn't desert Jesus — and doesn't desert us:

“God was not ‘up there’ watching the tragic events conspire ‘down here.’ God was *in Christ*, reconciling the world to himself,” he writes. “If Jesus was a mere man, his death would prove God's cruelty; the fact that he was God's Son proves instead that God fully identifies with suffering humanity. On the cross, God himself absorbed the awful pain of this world.

“To some, the image of a pale body glimmering on a dark night whisper of defeat,” Yancey continues. “But another sound can be heard: the shout of a God crying out to human beings, ‘I LOVE YOU.’ Love was compressed for all history in that lonely figure on the cross, who said that he could call down angels at any moment on a rescue mission but chose not to — because of us.”

He concludes: “Any discussion of how pain and suffering fit into God's scheme ultimately leads back to the cross.”

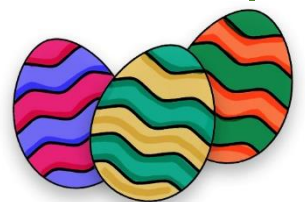




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4/1	Joanna Gharib	4/21	Kevin Kimball
4/2	Vickie Glenn	4/21	Savon Ferdinand
4/8	Camille Perkins	4/24	Sherman Greene, Sr.
4/9	Gertrude Kerr	4/25	Sheila Edmunds
4/9	Ruth Glenn	4/25	Gerald Greenfield
4/13	Faith Wallace	4/25	Bianca Mayo
4/14	Mariah Jordan	4/26	Ida Cofield
4/14	Ashanti Waldron	4/26	Richard Walden, II
4/15	Jeraldine Jackson	4/26	Uche Achuko
4/16	Ashlynn Kirkpatrick	4/27	Carilyn Maxwell
4/17	June Horner	4/27	Rev. Lauren Harris
4/18	Hope Jackson	4/28	Katrina Montgomery
		4/29	Jareel Hampton



4/6	Alan & Diana Harris	4/12	Alonzo Lewis, Sr.
4/9	Aaron & Rev. Yvonne Smith	4/28	Phyllis Gray-Tummings
4/10	Charles & Audrey Harris	4/30	Butler & Tina Cornelius





Kid's (and kids at heart) Corner

Puzzle!

Using the code, complete this passage based on Ezekiel 34.

CODE

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
ZYXWVUTSRQPONMLKJIHGFEDCBA

"As a looks after his
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I V H X F V K Z H G F I V

I will for the and bring back
H V Z I X S O L H G

the . I will up the
H G I Z B H Y R M W R M Q F I V W

and the . You are my
H G I V M T G S V M D V Z P

 ... and I am your .
H S V V K T L W



Answer: shepherd, scattered, flock, he, with, look, sheep, rescue, pasture, search, lost, strays, bind, injured, strengthen, weak, sheep, God



Resurrection refresher

All four gospels confirm Jesus' resurrection, and each one offers important details.

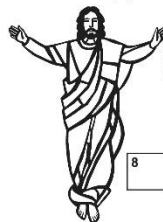
Directions: Complete the crossword. Then insert the circled letters (in order of the clue numbers) to complete John 20:17 below.

ACROSS

- The women did this when they heard the angels talk about Jesus' death. (Luke 24:8)
- The women at the tomb did this when they saw Jesus. (Matthew 28:9)
- The man in Jesus' empty tomb wore this color robe. (Mark 16:5)
- Jesus instructed his brothers to go here. (Matthew 28:10)
- Peter saw strips of this in the tomb. (Luke 24:12)

DOWN

- At first, Mary thought Jesus was this person. (John 20:15)
- As an angel came from heaven, this happened. (Matthew 28:2)
- She went with Mary to anoint Jesus' body. (Mark 16:1)



What did Jesus want Mary to tell his brothers?

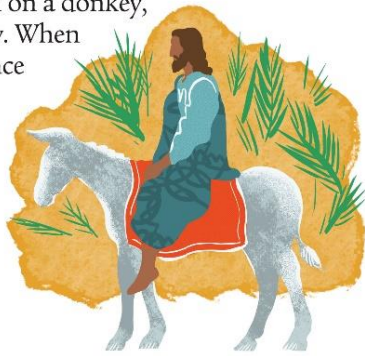
"I _ m ascen _ ing _ o my
Fat _ er and your Fa _ her,
to _ y _ od and your God."
Joh _ 20:17, NIV

Answer: ACROSS 2. remembered, 4. worshipped, 5. white, 7. Galilee, 8. linen; DOWN 1. gardener, 3. earthquake, 6. Salome; "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." John 20:17, NIV

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

As Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey, crowds praised him loudly. When Pharisees told him to silence the people, what did Jesus say would shout if his followers didn't?

- A. Stones
- B. Palm branches
- C. Trees
- D. Hillsides



Answer: A (See Luke 19:40.)

