

GOOD FRIDAY/ EASTER

Good Friday: Matthew 26:47-56

Easter Sunday: Matthew 28:1-20

MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

GOOD FRIDAY

1. **WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO FULFILL THE SCRIPTURES?**
2. **HOW DID JESUS FULFILL THE SCRIPTURES?**
3. **WHY DOES IT MATTER?**

EASTER

1. DID IT REALLY HAPPEN?

- The Timing is too early
- The Content is too counter-productive
- The transformation was too radical

2. WHAT DOES IT REALLY MEAN?

- The resurrection can completely transform your life

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick two or three of these to talk about as a group

1. What was most helpful for you from this weekend's messages? Why?
2. On Good Friday we learned that Jesus' death on the cross fulfilled the scriptures. What is the storyline of the Old Testament that is resolved in Jesus? Why does it matter that Jesus resolved that storyline?
3. When Jesus is arrested, Peter and the crowd are on opposing sides but they have one major commonality; they are both fighting to control the story. In what ways are you fighting to control God's story? Where are you tempted to use the means and methods of this world to try to accomplish God's purpose? How do we stop doing this?
4. In 1 Cor. 15:12-19 we read that if the resurrection never happened then Christians should be pitied more than anyone. Why is that true? What are some implications of this reality?
5. Which piece of historical evidence for the resurrection is most compelling to you? Is it the timing being too early, the content being too counter-productive, the transformation of the disciples being too radical, or something else?
6. Our culture is increasingly marked by fear, cynicism, selfishness and cowardice. Where do you see these in the world around you? Where do you see it in your own life? How has the resurrection helped remove fear, cynicism, selfishness and cowardice from your life?
7. What was most impactful to you about the baptisms?

A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU: The resurrection is not a consolation for the life you lost. It is the restoration of the life you've always wanted but never had.