

Holy Week at New Song Community Church 2023

Holy Week is recognized by many churches throughout history and we may also pause to embrace the significance of the things that preceded Jesus arrest, trial, crucifixion and resurrection. Taking the time to meditate and reflect upon the events that brought about our salvation can reap a harvest of blessings and appreciation for our salvation.

- Each study will take about 20 minutes
- On Wednesday April 5th we are asking you to join others in the church by fasting using one of the following suggestions as a guideline
 1. Sun up to sun down, or the entire day with no food
 2. Media fast (Facebook, twitter, etc.)
 3. A Daniel fast (fruits, vegetables, and grains)
- Reach out and invite all you can to the joyous celebration of the Resurrection Jesus Christ on April 9, 2023

Palm Sunday (April 2, 2023)

- **Jesus Triumphant entry into Jerusalem during the Passover Celebration**
- Matthew 21: 1-11
 1. What significance do you believe there is to the donkey Jesus chose to ride on when He went into Jerusalem?
 2. Are there things in your life that Jesus has need for that you would release so He can use them for His glory?
 3. Why do you believe they called Jesus the son of David and not the son of Mary and Joseph?
 4. What do you believe is the significance of the multitudes' reply "this is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee?"

Holy Monday April 3, 2023

- **The Cleansing of the Temple** (the retelling of the story of Jesus cleansing the temple)
- Mark 11:11-26
 1. It was the only public display of Jesus' righteous anger against those who used the house of God for merchandising instead of worship.
 2. Is there a particular time in your life that you have expressed righteous anger toward the misuse of your temple for worshipping the wrong things?
 3. What are the things that you need to be aware of to keep your temple clean for worshipping the Lord?
 4. Are there areas of your spending habits that are contrary to how your resources should be spent to advance the kingdom of God?
 5. Look up 3 additional scriptures that will reinforce your resolve to cleanse your body as a temple for the Lord's purposes.

Holy Tuesday April 4, 2023

- **Prayer in the Garden**
- Matthew 26: 36-46
 1. How can death give way to life?
 2. How can it be that Jesus being God took on human flesh to purchase our salvation?
 3. Jesus requested that God would give Him a different path for our salvation but God did not respond. How can this be?
 4. Jesus taught us the greatest prayer that can ever be prayed; "O my Father, if it is possible let this cup pass from me, nevertheless not as I will but as you will." Are you willing to say that prayer over circumstances in your life in order to come into alignment with the will of God?
 5. We can only learn to boast in what Christ Jesus has already done for us. What things are you willing to proclaim as things Jesus has done in your life?

Holy Wednesday April 5, 2023

- **The plot to kill Jesus. “Into the darkness”**
- Matthew 26: 1-25
 1. What would your response be to the woman who anointed Jesus with her fragrant oil?
 2. Why do you suppose Jesus’ disciples thought what woman did was a waste?
 3. What do you think Jesus meant when He said, “she has done a good work for me”?
 4. What could Jesus have meant when he said that this would be a memorial to the woman and not to Him?
 5. What are some tangible things that you can do to show your appreciation for what Jesus has done for you?

Maunday Thursday April 6, 2023

- **The Last Supper**
- John 13: 1-38
 1. What do you believe would be your response to Jesus washing your feet?
 2. Besides the act of humility, why do you believe washing another person’s feet can be meaningful to you and them?
 3. What are some other practical illustrations of service that you can do to serve other believers as an act of humility?
 4. What are your thoughts concerning your devotion to Jesus and the possibility of you betraying Him?
 5. What do you believe Jesus meant when He said love one another as I have loved you?
 6. What does it mean to deny the Lord?

Good Friday April 7, 2023

- **Jesus Agony on the Cross**

- John 19: 1-30

1. Why should Good Friday be remembered by believers in Jesus?
2. Can you think of ways that you have betrayed Jesus by not acknowledging your relationship with Him to unbelievers?
3. What is your response when you are mocked for being a believer in Jesus?
4. Would you consider fasting today with the purpose in mind of remembering the sacrifice that Jesus made for your salvation?
5. The torture that Jesus endured beyond the crucifixion is worthy of us to pausing to give thanks to the Jesus for loving so much.
6. The agony, death and burial of Jesus is worthy of our remembrance so that we can appreciate the power of the cross and atonement for our sins.

Holy Saturday April 8, 2023

- **Visiting the tomb of Jesus**

- John 19:28-42; 20:1-18

1. Do you see any significance in the facts that Jesus was buried by a secret disciple and a seeking disciple; Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus.
2. The scripture says that Jesus' female disciples kept watch at the tomb of Jesus until the Sabbath. What do you believe might have been their reason for doing so?
3. Do you believe you would have the faith to return with spices for the body of Jesus or looking for an empty grave?
4. Having heard that Jesus brought Lazarus back to life, would that boost your faith that Jesus could rise from the dead.
5. Would you expect to see the empty tomb of the resurrected Jesus?

Join us as we celebrate Resurrection Sunday at 10:00 on April 9th