

Encounter these verses today:

circle words that you identify with, underline phrases or sentences you'd like to remember, write questions about the passage out to the side ...



Matthew 27 :: The Death of Jesus

45 From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. 46 About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?").

47 When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "He's calling Elijah."

48 Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. 49 The rest said, "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to save him."

50 And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.

51 At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split 52 and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. 53 They came out of the tombs after Jesus' resurrection and[e] went into the holy city and appeared to many people.

54 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!"

55 Many women were there, watching from a distance. They had followed Jesus from Galilee to care for his needs. 56 Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

Matthew 28 :: The Resurrection of Jesus

1 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

2 There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. 4 The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

5 The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. 6 He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

8 So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9 Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Who is this man?



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What amazes you the most about the **life** of Jesus?

What were some of the **bystanders** reaction to his death?



What does the scene from "Les Misérables" show us about God's new commitment to grace and second chances?

Do you need a **second chance** to embrace the Risen Savior today? How can you discover it?



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Digging Deeper

[Engaging the message throughout the week]

Monday: 04.09.2012

Prayer Focus: The Flushing Community

Passage: Matthew 28:11-20

Insight: After the resurrection of Jesus, it is believed a great cover up began. The religious leaders were in denial and Jesus' followers have been spreading the Good News to the ends of the Earth. It would seem that 2000 years after the resurrection there would be more clarity on what took place, but in fact, it seems to be more confusing than ever.

Questions for Consideration:

Why do you think the message of Jesus' resurrection is so difficult for people to believe?

What would you have done if you were a soldier reporting what had just happened?

Tuesday: 04.10.2012

Prayer Focus: FCC Church Leadership

Passage: Acts 4:1-12

Insight: This passage takes place after the Holy Spirit filled the followers of Jesus and empowered them with boldness that did not come from within them. Verse 12 reminds us that salvation only comes from no where else but Jesus!

Questions for Consideration:

As Peter and John call the leaders of their church on the carpet, what explains their ability to do so?

Do you ever wish you could speak boldly like this? What's required to share the love of God with those around you?

Wednesday: 04.11.2012

Prayer Focus: Boost begins tonight!

Passage: Romans 10

Insight: Israel missed the arrival of their Messiah. Well, most of them did anyway. Paul writes in Romans 10 that his heart still aches for his friends and family who still have not seen the light of Jesus.

Questions for Consideration:

How about you? Are you concerned about your friends and co-workers who do not follow the way of Jesus?

Send Pastor Terry a list of people that he can be praying for? Friends, family, neighbors ... who would you like to reach with God's love?

Thursday: 04.12.2012

Prayer Focus: The sick and recovering (iPray)

Passage: Ephesians 2

Insight: Because of Jesus' sacrificial obedience, we have gone from people condemned to live apart from God to actually being his living, breathing temples. In Jesus, we find our true identity as a child of God.

Questions for Consideration:

Do you find any encouragement from this passage today? If so, what specifically helps your faith journey?

What do verses 8-10 mean for you?

Friday: 04.13.2012

Prayer Focus: Our church worship services

Passage: Hebrews 4:14—5:10

Insight: Today, the resurrected Jesus is with his Father in Heaven. As it is, Jesus is now our High Priest, whose job is to intercede for us and be our advocate. Because Jesus experienced life on Earth, He is able to be a strong voice of grace and forgiveness for all who call out His name!

Questions for Consideration:

What do you think Jesus would tell his father about you?

Wednesday Night
BOOST

**Get ready for our
spring session!**

April 11 - May 23

Ladies: "Mercy Triumphs" by Beth Moore. Discover what faith in Jesus can do for you as you journey through the book of James!

Men: Utilizing the Life Application Bible Study, we are going to journey through the book of James. Join us at the Salem's home.

The Book of Acts: Mike DeVuyst will be leading a great discussion on the book of Acts. Discover great insight into the early church!

Children: Will be looking the Lord's prayer and Club 56 will be going through the book of Daniel.

Youth: Will be meeting at Pastor Joel's and going through the Mosaic Experiment looking at ancient practices of faith.