

Come. See. Go. Tell.

Easter Sunday – Jesus is a great **GOD**

Palm Sunday to Good Friday = Jesus is a great **Guy**

Good Friday to Easter Sunday = Jesus is a great **God**

Nine Supernatural events in under 48 hours.

Friday - Four Supernatural events pointed toward Jesus

1) Regional **Darkness** falls

Matt. 27:45-51; Mark 15:33, 38; Luke 23:44-45; John 19:30

2) The Temple **Veil** was Torn from top to bottom

3) An **earthquake** occurred

4) **Tombs** were opened, **saints** raised

Responses: **Belief** and **Contrition** Matthew 27:54; Luke 23:48

Saturday – Two Supernatural events performed by Jesus

1) 'led free a host of captives' = OT **Saints** brought to heaven
Ephesians 4:8-9

2) 'made proclamation to spirits now in prison' = declared **victory**
1 Peter 3:18-19

Sunday – Three Supernatural events demonstrating
Jesus' Divinity Matthew 28:2-10

1) A severe **earthquake**

2) Several **angels** present

3) A **Risen** Jesus

Reponses: **Fear**, denial, joy, **belief**

Life Group Discussion Questions – March 31, 2024

Matthew 28:8-10 *And they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to report it to His disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshiped Him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and take word to My brethren to leave for Galilee, and there they will see Me."*

DISCOVER

1. What does it take to move from a casual to a committed relationship with Jesus? What is the role of believers in sharing the Good News with those who don't believe? If someone remains indifferent after hearing the truth, then what are the options for the believer who is trying to plant the seed?
2. When Jesus became God Incarnate, He set aside some of His power. How did this change after He was crucified? What was the significance of Jesus becoming all powerful once again? How is your heart stirred when contemplating Jesus coming alive after being buried?
3. Why do we almost casually slip into a state of thinking our 'little sins' are of little significance? How should the punishment of Jesus Christ, for the smallest of sins, impact our daily walk? Why is it important to keep reminding ourselves of the incredible news of Resurrection Sunday?

EXPLORE

1. As a group, list the Supernatural events that happened in the 48 hours from Friday through Sunday. Then review Matthew 27:45-54 before continuing.
2. Read Exodus 26:31-35. Why was there a veil or curtain in the temple? What about the veil would have made it impossible for it to be torn from top to bottom by human strength? What was the clear message of the veil being torn? How was the tearing of the veil more than just symbolism?
3. Why should a Christian believe that it could become dark at midday as happened on the Friday as Jesus was being crucified? Why is it necessary or unnecessary to explain the regional darkness through science? For those who have experienced an earthquake, what were your thoughts during the quake? Thinking of the darkness and earthquake, what was God the Father communicating during Jesus's crucifixion?
4. Read Matthew 28:1-10. How do you think the angels might have felt when they were chosen and then were able to tell Mary Magdalene and the other Mary that Jesus was risen? Explain why we should share the same joy when telling others about Jesus being the Risen King. Who do you know that shares Jesus with great joy? What can we learn from them?

EXPERIENCE

1. What should be our response to the events from the death of Jesus through the time of His resurrection? If someone doesn't know Jesus, then what would you say to them with the hope of convincing the person that Jesus is a Great God?
2. He is risen. He is risen, indeed. Share with each other the thoughts of joy when you relive the news that Jesus rose from the dead. Why is it necessary to believe Jesus is God if you believe He rose from the dead?
3. Jesus set free the captives. How has that been true for you? What should we do with the Best News Ever?

PRAY

Pray...Jesus, you truly are the Son of God. For those who believe, it is hard to imagine not having a relationship with You. In Your timing, please show us someone that needs to hear the Good News. We can't wait to be fully in Your presence for eternity. Come Lord Jesus. Amen.