



Easter

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Sermon Questions for 4.20.2025

Opener

What is your favorite family tradition around Easter?

Read

Luke 23:13-25; Ephesians 2:4-5; Romans 5:17; John 14:19; John 10:10; Matthew 27:16; 1 Peter 3:18; 2 Corinthians 5:21;

Main Points

1. The theme of trade runs like a scarlet thread throughout the Old Testament - all pointing to and preparing us for Jesus.
2. All four gospels tell of another trade - the moment Jesus was traded for Barabbas. A life-taker (Barabbas) was traded for the Life-Giver (Jesus).
3. There are three trades that Jesus makes on Easter:
 - a. Death <=> Life - The message of Easter is that because Jesus died and rose from the grave, we who deserved death are made alive in him. Jesus trades death for life in every way!
 - b. Sin <=> Righteousness - Sinners are now saints, slaves are now children, the old is gone and the new has come because he traded our sin for his righteousness.
 - c. Bondage <=> Freedom - Jesus didn't just purchase our forgiveness, he purchased our freedom. The empty tomb is our freedom from condemnation, freedom from shame, and freedom from fear.
4. You can count on Jesus got make the trade you desperately need because the tomb is empty.

Engage with God in a Group

- When you think of the three trades that Jesus makes on Easter, which one speaks the most to you?
- How have you experienced the trades Jesus has made for you in your life?
- What things in your life do you struggle releasing to Jesus to allow his trade to impact more areas of your life?
- Who has God put in your life to share with them about the life you have in Jesus?
- How might God want to encourage a loved one through you as you think about the trades we're given on Easter?

Bottom Line

Jesus, on Easter, trade death for life, sin for righteousness, and bondage for freedom.