

The Crowds at the First Easter

- (1) What's in it **for me** crowd?

Mark 11:1-11, 15:6-15; Jeremiah 29:12-13

RESULT: Frustration and disappointment with God.

- (2) I'm **smarter** than God.

Mark 11:31-32, 12:12, 14:1-2, 60-65; Daniel 7:13-14

"I know enough about God to **make my own Jesus**."

RESULT: False sense of spirituality

- (3) Great story... **see you next year**.

"I know enough about Jesus to **celebrate the holiday**."

RESULT: Walk away completely unchanged

- (4) I'll follow and do **whatever God wants**.

Mark 15:40-41, 16:9-16

"I know enough about Jesus to **give Him my life**."

RESULT: Have a changed life

Questions for Further Study

For the week of April 4, 2021

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Easter is one of many holidays when a lot of families have special traditions for how they celebrate them. What is the weirdest or most unique tradition (holiday or otherwise) your family had when you were growing up?
3. This weekend Pastor Neil talked about the “The crowds at the first Easter.” As you look back on your life, are there times you can identify when you were a part of one or more of the first three crowds? If so, explain.
4. God’s desire is for all of us to be a part of the fourth crowd that Chris talked about. A big part of being willing to “follow and do whatever God wants” is self-denial, which involves submitting to God’s will for us. How do the following verses help us better understand what self-denial and submission are?

Matthew 26:39-42

5. What has been most helpful for you in consistently submitting to God’s will?
6. Jesus rising from the dead is foundational to the Christian faith because it is the proof that Christ is who he claimed to be – our Savior and God's only son. But it also has an impact on how we live out our faith. What importance does 1 Corinthians 15:12-19 place on Christ's resurrection for us in our Christian walk?
7. What do Romans 5:6-8 and 6:5-7 add to your understanding of the importance of Christ’s death and resurrection for us?



- 📖 Youth Bible Study, Mondays 8-9 pm
📖 Growth Group Has Begun! Find a group!