

Jesus' Power Over Death

Wednesday, April 8, 2020

Listen to the following songs, use YouTube if needed:

Whom Shall I Fear by Chris Tomlin [Click Here](#)

Glorious Day by Casting Crowns [Click Here](#)

God's Not Dead by Newsboys [Click Here](#)

Same Power by Jeremy Camp [Click Here](#)

Thief by Third Day- this song is probably newer to you, but listen closely. [Click Here](#)

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:31- 39

What shall we say then to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifies. Who is he that condemns? It is Christ that died, yet rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all things we are more than conquerors through Him that loves us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

John 3:16, For God so loved the World, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Reflection: Wow, what a time of worship. We serve a Risen Savior. The last song, Thief by Third Day, is about a man who stole and was punished for his actions. There were two people on Jesus' side (one on either side). Each man looked and watched Jesus and the crowd. They each had time to decide if they would believe Jesus was who He said He was. They both deserved the punishment they received, just as we deserve our punishment; but Jesus did nothing. He willingly carried the weight of OUR sins to the cross. For salvation, we must all choose if we will believe AND call out to God to cleanse us and enter into our hearts. There is no greater relationship than the one we have with God. It is not about going to church, being good/ bad. It's not about doing anything, knowing all the Bible- it is ALL about God and His Son, Jesus. The love and power that kept Jesus on the Cross is what saves us. You know, Jesus in the garden said He was willing to do whatever God's will was, but was in agony because He knew to carry our sins to the cross meant that God would have to turn His back on Jesus. Jesus loves us that much! He freely and openly altered His own relationship with His Father- God so we can have a relationship with Him as well. Spend some time praying and thanking God for His love and His willingness to allow Jesus to come to Earth for us. Thank Jesus for His mercy and grace to carry our sins to the cross and give us a way to God. IF YOU DON'T KNOW IF YOU ARE SAVED, CALL ME at 870-723-6712!! WE WILL FIGURE IT OUT TOGETHER. GOD IS WAITING FOR YOU.

EASTER REVIEW QUESTIONS:

The Easter Story can be found in the New Testament- Matthew 21, 26-28; Mark 11, 14-16; Luke 19, 22-24; and John 12-13, 18-21. Look up the scripture reference to fill in the blank to each sentence.

During the Last Supper, Jesus took _____, _____ it, _____ it, and gave it to the Apostles, saying, “This is my _____.” (Mark 14:22)

After the soldiers _____ Jesus, they _____ lots for His garments, including His _____. (John 19:23-24)

While Jesus hung on the cross, _____ was all over the land. (Matthew 27:45)

While on the cross, Jesus said, “Father, _____ they know not what they do.” (Luke 23:34)

Jesus prayed in the garden of _____ before He was arrested? (Matt. 26:36)

The apostle that betrayed Jesus with a kiss for 30 pieces of silver was _____. (Matt. 26:14-15)

When Jesus rode into Jerusalem in triumph, the _____ met Him with branches of _____ trees and shouts of Hosanna. (John 12:12-13)

To make sure Jesus was dead, one of the _____ pierced His _____ with a _____. (John 19:34)

Before ascending into Heaven, Jesus told His disciples, “I am with _____ always, even unto the end of the _____.” (Matthew 28:20)

EXTENDED ACTIVITIES:

Write random notes in chalk in loved one's driveways or on sidewalks. Could write scriptures in a parking lot- including our church parking lot.

Plant flowers or grow from seeds to plant later.

Make a Homemade card for a friend or neighbor

Paint rocks with scripture or pictures and place randomly around house to ppl to find

(even the rocks cry out unto the Lord- and the stone was rolled away)

Make a necklace out of flower stems and clover plants (in the grass)