



The Positive of Easter

John 12:20-28, I Corinthians 15:35-44

Good Friday, April 2, 2021 AVBC

Q: Why is “GOOD FRIDAY” good?

*T_____ = agitated, restless, anxious, distressed

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Heb. 12:2)

1. Good Friday is good because God was _____ when Jesus was _____. (v.23,27-29)

~John 11:38-40

God is glorified when His _____ is revealed.

2. Good Friday is good because God's _____ of salvation was finally _____. (v.23,27)

The wine supply ran out during the festivities, so Jesus' mother spoke to him about the problem. "They have no more wine," she told him. "How does that concern you and me?" Jesus asked. "My time has not yet come. (John 2:3,4)

You go to the festival. I am not going up to this festival, because my time has not yet fully come. (John 7:8)

Jesus made these statements while he was teaching in the section of the Temple known as the Treasury. But he was not arrested, because his time had not yet come. (John 8:20)

And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross. Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:8-11)

3. Good Friday is good because it opens to the _____ to _____ life. (v.24-25)

But someone may ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?" How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. (I Corinthians 15:35,36)

DIGGING DEEPER

(For personal study, family devotions or Care group use)

Q1: Do you or your family have any Good Friday traditions? If so, what kinds of things did you do or not do on Good Friday?

Q2: Pastor David noted that Jesus was "troubled" or "tarasso". Are you feeling agitated, anxious or distressed? If so, what is at the root of those feelings?

Q3: Read Mark 14: 32-42. What words, describing Christ's agony, stand out to you? Can you relate to any of these emotions? How?

Q4: Read I Peter 5:6-11. What does Peter tell you to do with your troubles? What attributes of God are on display in these verses that motivate you to bring your stress to Him?

Q5: Do you enjoy gardening? What kinds of things do you enjoy planting or growing? Have you ever dug up a plant because you thought it was dead only to discover that it was actually alive? If so, describe.

Q6: Read I Corinthians 15:35-58. Paul describes a sowing and reaping process. What kind of seed is being sown? What is that seed like? What does that seed ultimately produce? How are you encouraged by the truth in this passage?