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Find the answers - Sunday, March 3, 9:30 AM in the Main Lobby







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MAIN EVENTS

March 2024

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Within this edition of the Main Event is a recommended guide for scripture readings to partner with the days of Holy Week which falls this year between Palm Sunday, March 24th and Easter, March 31st. Slowing yourself down enough to reflectively read scripture may seem like just one more thing you have to do amid all the other things calling for your attention each week. Recently, however, I have been struck by how much God can accomplish in a week.

Christians have long debated whether that first week of creation poetically described in Genesis 1 is to be measured with the same standards of timing of a week that we use or longer? After all, it is hard for us to comprehend how God could start a week with nothing but empty darkness on a Sunday and create this world with all the details and signs of life we see around us before clocking out to rest by Friday evening and into the seventh day (Saturday). Before this passage unfortunately got roped into arguing about the age of the earth, ancient readers saw greater points being made here, such as God's ability to do good and bring forth life beyond our imaginations in a matter of days.

What is striking about Holy Week, however, is it seems to run in the opposite direction of Genesis 1. For instance, during the week of creation, God progressively builds a world that will culminate with life for humanity who is made from God's image. Holy Week, on the other hand, presents the only begotten Son of God marching straight into death.

In Genesis, light breaks forth and shines brightly throughout the days. Yet in the middle of Friday, noon to 3 pm when the sun typically hits us in the most direct way, the day grows dark (Matt. 27:45; Mark 15:33; Luke 23:44). How different that Friday must have looked from the first one!

While Genesis presents us with a week filled with light and life, the Gospels give us a week filled with darkness and death. But God shows He is still the same God come the weekend. As God finished his work for the sake of humanity by Friday evening (Gen. 1:27-2:1), so did Jesus (John 19:30-42). As God rested from his good work on Saturday, so did Jesus. As God's light broke through the darkness that first day of the week, so did Jesus!

God can do some amazing work in a matter of days. Are you giving your days to the Lord?

Pastor Daniel

ENGAGING and EQUIPPING others to EXPERIENCE and SHARE God's Transforming Love





SOUTH TEXAS MISSION TRIP PHASE 2

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SUNDAY, MARCH 3 | 4-5 PM | MAIN CONNECTION

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Friday, March 8, 12-2 PM FLC Game Room Food, Fun & Prizes!

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Easter Holy Week Scripture Readings

Day 1: Palm Sunday

Jesus enters Jerusalem and is welcomed by the crowds waving palm branches. Mark 11:1-11

Monday

Sunday

Day 3: Holy Tuesday Jesus evades ambush,

gives Olivet discourse. *Mark 11:20-13:37*

Tuesday

Wednesday

Mark 14:1-10

Day 4: Wednesday

Jesus and the disciples

agrees to betray Jesus.

rest in Bethany. Judas

Day 5: Maundy Thursday

Jesus is betrayed by Judas and arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Mark 14:12-72

Thursday

Day 7: Holy Saturday

Jesus' body lays in the tomb and is treated for burial; disciples come out of hiding and mourn openly.

Matthew 27:62-66

Friday

Day 6: Good Friday

Jesus is trialed and

crucified, then taken

down from the cross

and placed in the

tomb.

Mark 15

Saturday

Sunday

Day 8: Resurrection Day

Multiple eyewitness accounts of Jesus having resurrected and the discovery of empty tomb.

Mark 16 or

Luke 24:1-49

TENEBRAE —A Service of Shadows— Thursday, March 28 7:00 PM Worship Center Presented by the Adult Choir "Tenebrae" is a Latin term that translates to "darkness." The Tenebrae service commemorates the sufferings and death of Christ.

Day 2: Holy Monday

fruitless fig tree, enters

the temple and clears

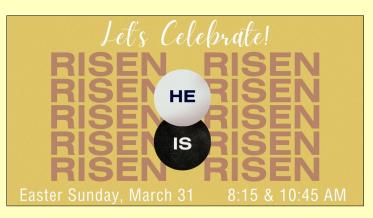
Jesus curses the

out the corrupted

money changers.

Mark 11:12-19













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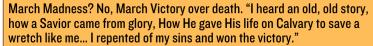
Benefits the Student Choir Music & Ministry Trip



MARCH MADNESS?

I understand the chaos of the Spring college playoffs. I wouldn't necessarily call it madness. It is not a state of being mad or even a severe mental darkness, or a behavior or thinking that is very foolish or extreme as Webster defines it. Many actions of people over the last several weeks could be considered evildoing madness. Church shootings, terrorist driven wars, and road rage, to name a few, are foolish and extreme.

However, this year we celebrate a risen Savior on Easter Sunday in March. I can't think of anything more disturbing than to think of the Jewish leaders who pushed for the crucifixion of Jesus. The beatings, mocking, and gambling surrounding the events were nothing but madness! Jesus beat death, a much greater feat than any basketball team can ever accomplish.



Check out the next $\underline{\text{Auxano}}$ sessions which all point toward the Easter story.

Jeff Fuqua



AUXANO GROWTH STUDIES 24.2 Wednesdays, 6:15 PM February 28 - April 10

BIBLE STUDY - THE EASTER EXPERIENCE

Brings the passion & resurrection of Jesus to life. Led by Trish Gibb.

THE CALL - COUNTING THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP Learn who Jesus is, who we are, our priorities, the cost, and the fruit of a disciple. Book cost: \$10.

Led by Judge Lonnie Cox.

THE CASE FOR CHRIST

Author Lee Strobel invites you to investigate the truth about Jesus leading to the facts that guided Strobel from atheism to faith in Christ. Book cost: \$5. Led by Dr. Kirk Lewis.



FRIDAY, MARCH I

Join us for an EPIC Adventure to ACTIVATE | SLICK CITY

& end the day w/HEAVYWEIGHTS movie at the church.





