

Future – Easter - Week 1 – 4-9-23 – Pastor Guy

1. What Easter traditions do you have?
2. What does Easter mean to you?
3. What's the most expensive gift you've been given?
4. What are some of the most valuable gifts that you have been given?
5. Jesus' gift of forgiveness is an act of mercy, meaning you don't get what you deserve. What does this mean to you?
6. Jesus' gift of forgiveness is also an act of grace, meaning that you get what you don't deserve. What does it mean to you that Jesus gives you what you don't deserve?
7. Jesus doesn't just offer forgiveness, he gives us the ability to forgive. Who do you need to forgive?

- *Luke 23:34 - "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."*
- *Luke 23:43 - "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."*
- *Luke 23:46 - "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."*
- *Matthew 27:46, Luke 15:34 - About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?")*
- *John 19:26-27 - When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son,"²⁷ and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.*
- *John 19:28 - Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty."*

8. Pastor Guy mentioned these 7 statements that Jesus made on the cross. What stands out to you about these?

1 Corinthians 15:1-8 - Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ²By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. ³For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. ⁶After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

9. How would you describe the gospel?

1 Corinthians 15:17 - And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.

10. Christianity is the only religion that deals with the problem of our sins. Why is this important?
11. Why is forgiveness so important?
12. Why is Jesus' resurrection so important?

Isaiah 59:2 - But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.

Romans 6:23 - For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

13. What have our sins done to us?
14. What has God done for us?
15. How can we help others to receive God's forgiveness?