

Holy Week-April 2020

As we examine both Maundy Thursday and Good Friday it is good to remember that the day for the Hebrew starts at sundown. Maundy Thursday started at sundown 6:00 pm on Wednesday and Good Friday started on 6:00 am Thursday. Understanding the timing helps us to see the continuity and how everything flowed together from the celebration (yes Passover was a great celebration of the past and a look to the future.) To the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Let us look first at the Passover celebration—a brief description is found in Luke 22:14, Matthew 26:20-30, and Mark 26: 20-30, Mark 14:17-21, and John 13:21-30. Each of these passages give some detail into the interaction by Jesus and His disciples. It would not hurt to look into what a Passover celebration would have included. First it was a gathering of family and friends. A table was set with candles, a prayer was given, the table setting would include lamb, bitter herbs, egg, salt water, a paste to remind them of the mortar for bricks, horse radish, as well flatbread (matzah). As they would eat the father would ask the children questions and repeat the story of the Passover. In Jewish homes today it hasn't changed much over the years. You might ask why we as Christians don't celebrate Passover as the Jews do? First, we focus on the resurrection, often we remember Maundy Thursday as a lesson in history. Our celebration comes in the form of the Lords supper (communion.) This is where we remember Christ broken body and blood shed for the forgiveness of our sins. See how many different teachings and actions take place during this time. Just a couple to get you started—the washing of the Disciples feet which tells us to be each other's servant or how about when Jesus said one of you will betray me—and everyone to a man (even Judas) asked is it me, Lord? Can you ask that question knowing it could be you at some time—past—present or future.

As you search the scriptures see how you can learn change or improve your Christian walk by being obedient and knowledgeable in God's word. Pray that He will open your eyes to what God wants you to do be from this day forward.

What did Jesus and the Disciples do after they celebrated Passover? They left singing and went out to pray.

More to come this week on Good Friday—Resurrection Sunday—sermon to follow.

May Jesus Christ be praised! Pastor Steve

Looking forward to Easter Sunday

10:00 am Drive in Service (See insert)

Celebrate Communion. Each car will bring their cracker or bread and grape juice to take part in communion.

New Prayer Request. Mary Nelson's daughter has tested positive for the Corvid-19 virus. She is a health care worker at a nursing home in Kansas. Let's remember to pray for our residents and workers in nursing homes.

Easter Gate

Jesus came to show us how
To live and love on earth, right now.
Then he died to erase our sin,
So the pearly gates would let us in.
Raised from death, Jesus is our guide
Through our own death to the other side.
Believe in Jesus, and you'll be
Written in the book of eternity.
Easter means, in heaven, life,
Free from sadness, free from strife.
If your name is in God's journal,
You're assured of life eternal.

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SEE YOU SUNDAY AT THE DRIVE IN
SERVICE.

WAVE HELLO

OPEN YOUR HEART TO God's Word

EASTER

Let's Journal

What bible verse did you like in this message of Holy Week?

How do we celebrate the Holy week?

What is your Prayer?

Questions?

Coronavirus is having a deep impact on our communities, well beyond the virus itself. Many are hurting from the impacts of social distancing and quarantines, and even more are struggling in the economic aftermath. At First Baptist Church we are looking for ways we can be a blessing to our community, and we wanted to take an opportunity to share 7 potential ways you can help others, too:

1. Pray
2. Reach out to a friend, neighbor or our church family
3. Give to the food pantry
4. Keep giving to your church
5. Give to our church benevolent fund that helps our worshipers and the community
6. Support our local restaurants by ordering to go
7. Be ready, willing and able to serve not only our church but in the community.