

# Tuskawilla Church of Christ

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## Bulletin Board – April, 16, 2017

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Sunday: 9:30 AM Bible Class

10:30 AM Worship

Wednesday: 7 PM Bible Class

**Welcome to our Visitors.** You are our honored guests. Please fill out a visitor's card and let us know if you have any questions about our congregation. We hope to see you again soon.

### Serving Today

**Song Leader:** Jimmy Wilson

**Opening Prayer:** Ken Lathrop

**Scripture Reading:** Austin Bruce

**Communion:**

- Lead: Roger Weaver
- Assisting: Ben Blaylock
- Side: McMorris Tater
- Side: Jay Polk

**Closing Prayer:** Jerry Sirmans

**Usher:** Angelo Cusimano

**Communion Prep April:** Wilkerson

### Today's Service

Song- #9

Song- #463

**Opening Prayer**

**Scripture Reading:** Philippians 3:7-11

**Song-#174**

**Communion**

**Song- #13**

**W** Into Thee O Lord+(Screen)

**Sermon: "The Power of His Resurrection"**

**Song- #331**

**Announcements**

**Closing Prayer**

### Prayer Requests

- Tom Barker, Pam Lester's Brother
- Elva Shade
- Suzy Wilkerson
- Paul Eldridge Room #117
- Donna Brown
- Tom Lester
- Iwana Smith
- Perry Dawkins, Trudi Dawkins' Son
- Marshall MCree
- Jack Hood, Robin Cusimano's Father
- Suzanne Gore, David West's Sister

### Event Calendar

**May 8- Ladies Bible Study -7pm**

### Upcoming Birthdays

**April 15- Kerry Westmeyer**

**April 19- Venite Dorvil**

**April 29- Krista Vargas**

**April 30- Kim Blaylock**

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### Today's Bible Quiz?

Who asked Pilate for Jesus' corpse and put it in his own tomb?

1. Joseph of Arimathea
2. Zebedee
3. Mary Magdalene
4. Paul

Who did Mary Magdalene think Jesus was when she first saw Him after He had risen?

1. A Shepherd
2. One of the Twelve Apostles
3. The Gardener
4. Pontius Pilate



# No Comfortable Cross

Now knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin (Romans 6:6).

PRIOR TO OUR CONVERSION, MOST OF US UNDERSTOOD, AT LEAST ON SOME BASIC LEVEL, THAT WE MUST DIE WITH CHRIST. But unless we are among the few who truly counted the cost of discipleship, we probably underestimated the pain that would be involved in having our old man . . . crucified with Him. As we begin to discover how painful it is for our old habits to be put to death, we may back away from the process. We didn't expect that any part of being a Christian would be so painful. We are surprised by the unpleasantness of it all. Perhaps we even resent or resist it.

Yet there is no such thing as a comfortable crucifixion. The word *excruciate* is simply a variation of the word *crucify*, and so in a quite literal sense, death by *crucifixion* is always *excruciating*. If our Lord chose the concept of crucifixion to describe the removal of sin from our lives, then we ought not to expect that process to be entirely pleasant. Deeply rooted habits cannot be easily denied or conveniently removed. Their destruction requires nothing less than the dying of the person that we used to be.

But if we saw where sin takes people, we would be willing to make any sacrifice to be free of it. Jesus said that if we couldn't

keep our right eye or our right hand and still stay away from sin, then we would be better off plucking out our eye or cutting off our hand (Matthew 5:29,30), however painful those removals might be.

If the crown that awaits us requires that we first go to the cross and die, then the crown is worth every bit of the cross. Paul said that *because we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him* (Romans 6:8). It would be worth dying a thousand times if that meant we could live with Christ. But let's not be silly. Our cross cannot be any more painless than His. It is going to hurt.

*Because we are wise, we will do what Jesus said: endure the cross and despise its shame for the joy that is set before us. To do this is to submit the whole pattern of our life to be destroyed and built again in the power of an endless life. And we shall find that it is more than poetry, more than sweet hymnody and elevated feeling. The cross will cut into our lives where it hurts worst, sparing neither us nor our carefully cultivated reputation. It will defeat us and bring our selfish life to an end* (A. W. Tozer).

Gary Henry . WordPoints.com

## Answer's to Today's Bible Questions

1. Joseph of Arimathea  
Matthew 27:57-58
2. The Gardener  
John 20 :15