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THE MOST CONSEQUENTIAL WEEK

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



*1 Corinthians 15:3-4
Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.*

A search engine query for “This Day In History” produces information about significant events for a particular day in history. The results often remind us of how many important dates we forget simply because they lie in the past. We must not let this happen to us over this Easter week. This week is the most consequential week in human history. Nearly 2000 years ago three seismic events rocked human history with eternal implications, although most of the witnesses barely realized what was unfolding before their eyes.

On Sunday, Jesus Christ rode into Jerusalem on

a donkey and offered Himself as Israel’s sovereign King. The jubilant crowd welcomed Him with songs and adulation, but less than a week later they soured on Him and (instigated by their religious leaders) demanded His execution. This offering of Jesus as Israel’s Messiah was the first critical event and catalyzed the next two. Unbeknownst to the Jews, their rejection of their legitimate King set in motion the next phase of God’s eternal plan.

By Friday, after a week of challenging actions and teachings, Jesus was arrested, tried before a kangaroo court, and summarily crucified. This apparent miscarriage of justice was the second seismic event. Jesus wasn’t victimized by wicked men: He voluntarily offered His life for the sins of all mankind (John 10:18). By so doing He paid mankind’s greatest debt. The sinless Son of God took upon Himself the sin of the entire world and carried the bitter load to Calvary. On that day, as He hung on the cross, He took God the Father’s full, unmitigated punishment for humanity’s sin, thus paving the way for us to be forgiven of our sin. After His death Jesus was taken from the cross

by heartbroken friends and buried in a nearby tomb.

But on Sunday the greatest event of all time occurred. Jesus rose triumphantly from the dead as our Living Savior! His resurrection demonstrates that His death was a sufficient payment for our sins and that God the Father fully accepted it. It proves that Jesus is indeed God the Son, and the Savior of the world. He lives forever as the Conqueror of sin and death.

It is because of this consequential week in history that we no longer have to live under the dread and fear of sin. Jesus died for us. Was buried for us. Rose triumphantly for us. We can have full forgiveness of all our sins and can live with the certain hope that one day we will live with Him forever in perfect bliss.

Have you personally accepted the benefits of this consequential week? Have you trusted Christ as your Savior? Are you living in joyful communion with God?

God bless you,
Pastor James

Holy Week: April 10 - 17

CORPORATE PRAYER
TUE @ 7 PM

APR 12

Join us via Zoom video
Please contact Pastor James for log on information at rcantio@gmail.com

YOUTH GROUP
FRI @ 6:45 PM

is CANCELED
on **APR 15**

due to Good Friday Service
For teens ages 13 and over

EVENING SERVICE
1st & 3rd
SUN @ 6 PM

Join us in-person at church

KIDZONE & NURSERY
SUN @ 11 AM

APR 17

These ministries are available every Sunday during the morning service
Kidzone for ages 6-12 yrs. old.

RESURRECTION SUNDAY SERVICE @ 11 AM

APR 17

In-person service & livestream
Livestreaming is only on Facebook and our church’s website.

Happy Easter



But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

Isaiah 53:5

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Celebrate Easter with us!** Good Friday service April 15th 7 pm. Resurrection Sunday April 17th 11 am. Invite a Friend!
- As the pandemic continues to wane, we are encouraging all of you to begin making your way back to the in-person services. We’d love to be back to full strength by Resurrection Sunday (this Sunday). Of course, we will each continue to exercise the necessary care to keep everybody as safe as possible. Looking forward to seeing you soon!
- Join us as we help to Pick Up the Poconos with Middle Smithfield Township on April 23. Talk to Tom for more details.
- Giving Statements for 2021 are available at the Information Center at church.
- Bible Reading plans for 2022 are now available at the Information Center. Also, read Pastor Jimmie’s daily blog on the readings via the link on our website.

QUICK TIPS

Two ways to give your offering.
Traditional with a check by mail or through our secured website online giving is now possible. Please remember to hit “SAVE” after you give if you did not set up an account so the church can have a record of who gave for tax purposes. Thank you!