

TODAY'S READING:

Matthew 27:62-66

“SIR, WE JUST REMEMBERED THAT THAT LIAR ANNOUNCED WHILE HE WAS STILL ALIVE, ‘AFTER THREE DAYS I WILL BE RAISED.’ WE’VE GOT TO GET THAT TOMB SEALED UNTIL THE THIRD DAY. THERE’S A GOOD CHANCE HIS DISCIPLES WILL COME AND STEAL THE CORPSE AND THEN GO AROUND SAYING, ‘HE’S RISEN FROM THE DEAD.’ - MATTHEW 27:63-64

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DAY SEVEN

Although, very little is written about the Saturday that followed Jesus' crucifixion, it is unique in that this is the only full day in history where the body of Jesus lied buried in a tomb. Yesterday, he was crucified. Tomorrow, he rises from the grave. But what about today? It must have felt like the longest and most difficult day for those who had hoped that Jesus would be crowned King.

Often, we are short-sighted scorekeepers. We judge moments and events by their immediate outcomes. This type of scorekeeping can create hopelessness and pain when the present score looks like certain defeat. Author George Eliot once said; “Don't judge a book by its cover”. The Saturday before Easter Sunday reminds us to always look beyond our present circumstances because those in Christ Jesus will someday see and experience resurrection power. The chapter you find yourselves in is not your last chapter, hope comes in the morning!

- Pastor Jonathan Smith



It's very hard to see an "Easter Sunday resurrection moment" in a "Saturday tomb moment". How can you build into your life (before we find ourselves in a tomb moment) a vision beyond that moment?

Families, Try this at home!

Sometimes we're so nearsighted that we forget how amazing Jesus truly is. Have each person in your family write down one thing they are praying for in this season. Once everyone has written something down, put each one in a jar or container. Have one of the adults set a reminder for 6 months from today (Oct. 15, 2022). Once October 15 comes around, remind the family to look back at their needs as they discuss how Jesus was faithful.

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