

What difference does it make to you to know that Christ's sufferings were described in this detail a thousand years before the event took place?

How do you suppose Jesus might have felt as he watched all these events unfold?

Remember to bring the card in this bulletin with you to Good Friday services tonight.

Thank God today for planning in ages past to provide a sacrifice for your sin. Pray that the meaning of Christ's death would become real to the people attending Good Friday services tonight, and Easter services this weekend. Please pray for the speakers and musicians — that God would fill them with His Spirit! Thanks.

Saturday

Please spend some time in prayer today thanking Jesus Christ for what He went through... for you! Pray for the services this weekend — that God would bless them and reach people with His love through them. Please invite someone to Easter services. Thanks!



Peace for Troubled Hearts

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"Do not let your hearts be **troubled**..." *John 14:1a* (NIV)

"Don't let your hearts be **troubled** and **don't be afraid**." *John 14:27*

What does Jesus tell me when I'm troubled?

1. Trust _____

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. **Trust in God; trust also in me.**" *John 14:1*

2. Think _____

"In my **Father's house** are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, **I will come back** and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." *John 14:2,3*

3. Take _____

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another **Counselor** to be with you forever— the Spirit of truth. **I will not leave you as orphans**; I will come to you." *John 14:16, 18*

Comforter: Greek *parakletos*, "called alongside to _____"

4. Turn _____

"A **new command** I give you: Love one another. **As I have loved you**, so you must love one another." *John 13:34*

"My command is this: Love each other **as I have loved you.**" *John 15:12*

"This is my command: Love each other." *John 15:17*

Rewind to Palm Sunday...

"They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, '**Hosanna!** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the **King of Israel!**'" *John 12:13*

Hosanna: _____

Jesus saves me in _____

and in _____

The bottom line:

"**Peace** I leave with you; my **peace** I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. **Do not let your hearts be troubled** and **do not be afraid.**" *John 14:27*

I receive His gift of peace when I release my desire for _____

**This Friday:
Good Friday Services**

7:30pm in the Auditorium

- Soloists Heather Bruce, Adrian Moreno, Lisa Leuschner, and Rachel Luck
- TLC Choir, TLC Strings
- Beautiful meditation on the cross of Christ

**Next Weekend:
Easter Weekend Services**

Saturday: 5pm & 6:30pm

Sunday: 8am, 9am, 10:15am & 11:30 am

- Soloists Lisa Leuschner and Karen Stebbins
- TLC Choir and Orchestra
- New series begins!
- Just for kids: Fun activities and Easter lesson with CK Ministries

Daily Meditations

Monday

Read John 12:12-19. A week before Christ's crucifixion, the crowd shouted, "Hosanna!", which means "Save us now!" What kind of salvation were they apparently expecting?

How did Jesus save them?

On the card in today's bulletin, write down what is troubling you right now... any areas in your life that make you cry out, "Lord! Save me now!"

Take these things to Him in prayer today. Bring the card to the Good Friday services. During the services there will be an opportunity to place this before the cross.

Tuesday

Read John 14. Write down the key truths that Jesus gives the disciples in this chapter. What did you hear in last weekend's sermon that really struck you?

How does it apply to your life this week?

Jesus says he gives us a gift of peace. But a gift must be accepted. Many Christians have received the gift of salvation, but have not yet truly received the gift of Christ's peace. How do you think accepting Jesus' peace would impact your view of your troubles?

Accepting the peace of Jesus involves the release of your desire for control. In what ways can you practically release your control mechanisms to God today?

Thank God today for the peace He offers you. Talk to Him about your fears and struggles to keep control of your life. Ask Him to help you loosen your grip on your troubles and offer them to Him. Pray that His peace will flood your heart and give you the courage to trust Him with your troubles.

Wednesday

Our first point this weekend was to "trust Jesus". This means to trust him for salvation, but it means so much more.

Trust Jesus when he says:

"So **do not worry**, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and **your heavenly Father knows that you need them.**" *Matthew 6:31,32*

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." *Matthew 7:7*

"I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life." *John 6:47*

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." *John 14:6*

"And surely **I am with you always**, to the very end of the age." *Matthew 28:20b*

Where do you struggle with trusting Jesus?

Bring those areas to Him in honest prayer right now. Pray that God will give you an opportunity to invite someone to Easter services today!

Thursday

Read Matthew 26:36-46. What's been your "Gethsemane" — a place you really wrestled with God?

What do you learn from Jesus' example about praying in those times?

What does Jesus ask of God? How is this a model for our prayers?

Bring to God the areas where you really want something different than what He is allowing. Pray your heart's desire, then add "nevertheless, not my will, but Yours be done."

Friday

Read Matthew 27:27-56.

Many commentators believe Jesus quoted Psalm 22 when he hung on the cross — a psalm that was written 1,000 years before he was even born. Read Psalm 22 and then answer the questions on the next page...



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my peace I give you.

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