

## Morning Worship

April 21, 2019

Pastor — Allan Lane

Piano —Alva Lou Schottel

Worship Leader — Romey Keith Davis

Organ ---

**As you enter for worship, please silence your cell phones.**

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Welcome and Fellowship

Allan/People

Worship Prayer

Allan Lane

Scripture Reading

Romey Keith Davis

Hymn # 193

*One Day*

Romey/People

Hymn # 160

*Low in the Grave He Lay* Romey/People

Offering Prayer

LeRoy Bush

Tithes and Offerings

People

Offering Music

Alva Lou Schottel

Hymn # 159 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* Romey/People

Hymn # 191 *I Know that My Redeemer Liveth* Romey/People

Special Music

Romey Keith Davis

Children's Worship

(Children are dismissed)

Message "The Emotions of Easter: Despair" Allan Lane

Hymn # 307

*Just As I Am*

Romey/People

Prayer Concerns

Allan/People

Closing Hymn # 194 *The King Is Coming* Romey/People

## Easter Emotions: Despair

Matthew 27:57-66

The disciples must have been devastated. They had been inspired by His teachings and they had decided to follow Him. It had not been an easy road, but they had willingly left families, homes, and jobs to follow Jesus.

As they walked with Him they had seen amazing things. Just to name a few, they had seen Him multiply a few loaves and fishes and feed the multitudes, they saw Him walk on water, and calm an angry storm. They saw Him straighten crooked limbs and give sight to the blind. He even raised the dead back to life again. Without a doubt He was the Messiah that God had promised would come.

And on Palm Sunday, when He entered Jerusalem, seemed to be a perfect climax to it all. To be in that crowded parade; to listen to their jubilant "Hosannas" and watch as they waved palm branches and threw flowers before Him. Everything confirmed that they had followed the right man.

But now He is dead. How could they have been so wrong? What would they do now? What do you do when your heart is filled with despair? What do you do when your world falls apart?

Well, what did happen? And what lessons can we apply to our lives today? Our scripture text this morning is Matthew 27:57-66. Read It!

## **1. The Tomb Scene .**

### **A. Joseph and Nicodemus.**

To begin with, the Bible tells us that Joseph of Arimathea buried Jesus (verses 57-58). What do we know about this man? We don't know much, but we do know some things.

**First** of all, he was from Arimathea, a small town about 20 miles from Jerusalem. As towns go, Arimathea wasn't very important, but Joseph himself evidently was. In fact, Mark 15:43 tells us he was "...a prominent member of the Council..." (That's the Sanhedrin, the supreme judicial authority of Israel who had illegally condemned Jesus to death). But Luke 23:51 says that he was "...a good and upright man, who had not consented to their decision and action."

**Secondly**, Matthew tells us that he was rich. I don't know about you, but sometimes we act as if we think that Jesus came to minister only to those who are poor and down and out. But Jesus Himself said, "And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to me" (John 12:32). He came to minister not just to the poor but to the rich, also.

**Thirdly**, Joseph had an acquaintance named Nicodemus who helped him bury Jesus. Listen to John 19:39, "He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about 75 pounds."

Matthew 27:59-60 goes on to say, "Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away."

So Joseph and Nicodemus together buried Jesus. They shared the cost. Joseph paid for the tomb, and Nicodemus paid for the burial spices. Why did they do this?

**Fourth**, the apostle John gives a reason when he writes in John 19:38, "Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jews."

That is like the little boy who had adopted a stray dog. Someone asked, "What kind of dog is that?" He answered, "He's a police dog." The man said, "He doesn't look like a police dog." The boy answered, "That's because he's in the secret service."

There are some Christians who seem to be in the secret service, following Jesus at a distance. They want to be His disciples, but like Joseph of Arimathea, they're not sure they want everyone else to know. So they keep their faith secret.

Maybe now, when it was too late, Joseph and Nicodemus were trying to make amends, by doing the only thing left to do - bury the body of Jesus.

### **B. Mary and the Women.**

But Joseph and Nicodemus weren't the only ones at the tomb. Verse 61 says, "Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there opposite the tomb."

Do you realize that Jesus acted differently toward women than the average Jewish man? He treated women with respect. He acknowledged the presence of women. He spoke to them in public. No rabbi or Pharisee would have done that!

So two women were there. They had been with others at the cross, weeping as He died. And now they were there as He was being buried.

### **C. Enemies of Jesus.**

Enemies of Jesus came to the tomb also (verses 62-63). Now think about that. The enemies of Jesus remembered that He had predicted His resurrection. And because His enemies remembered, notice what they said to Pilate in verses 64-66.

James Stuart, a writer, says that the most pathetic sentence in human literature is that of Pilate to the priests, "Go, and make the tomb as secure as you know how."

Stuart asks, "What would you say to a man who stands in the gray of dawn and says to the rising sun, 'Stop! You cannot soar into the heavens today'?

"Or what would you say to a man who stands on the beach and draws a line in the sand and says to the tide, 'Halt! You cannot cross this line'? You would say to each of them, 'You are mad!'

So what do you say to Roman soldiers who stand with spears in hand, guarding the tomb which holds the Lord of Life, trying to keep Him from rising from the dead?"

A hymn writer wrote:

See the tomb where death had laid Him, Empty now, its mouth declares;

"Death and I could not contain Him, For the Throne of Life He shares."

Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the Risen King!

## **2. The Tomb Lessons .**

And as we worship, there are 4 lessons we should learn.

### **A. Be Realistic .**

The Christian life can be an emotional roller coaster."

For the disciples it was exactly that. For them, Palm Sunday was a mountain-top experience. Then came Friday and the cross. And then came Sunday and the resurrection. Up and down, up and down, and up and down up again.

There are some who believe that once we become a Christian our troubles will be over, and everything will be wonderful from then on. But as we mature in the faith, as we learn to be realistic about our lives, we can agree with the apostle Paul (Philippians 4:12-13).

### **B. Be Patient .**

Here's a second lesson: "Be patient. Desperate circumstances sometimes can be quickly reversed." For the disciples it took only 3 days. On Friday they are in deep despair, but by Sunday night they're on top of the mountain because of the resurrection. So sometimes things can be quickly reversed.

Sometimes we wonder: "Why does God allow us to find ourselves in desperate circumstances?" The answer ought to be clear: God allows us to experience

desperate things in life so that we'll turn to Him. Oftentimes it is only when we're desperate or in despair, that we really recognize our need of God.

Why did God allow Moses to reach the shore of the Red Sea with Pharaoh's army in hot pursuit? He did it so that the people would turn to Himself for help. Then God parted the waters of the Red Sea and the children of Israel walked across on dry ground.

Why did God permit Joseph to spend 2 years in an Egyptian prison? So that he would depend completely on God. Then God gave him the meaning of Pharaoh's dreams and soon he is the Prime Minister of Egypt.

Why did God allow Jonah to be thrown overboard into a stormy sea? So that He could send His special fish to rescue him and vomit him up on the shore nearest Nineveh. Then he could preach the message of God to the people of Nineveh.

### **C. Be Faithful .**

Here is the third lesson: "Be faithful, even when God doesn't change your circumstances."

I think the ultimate test of faith is not "What do we do when the problems are taken away?" The ultimate test of faith in our lives is "What do we do if the problems are not taken away?"

Maybe you're dealing with cancer, and there's no cure. And every day you experience the pain and face the uncertainty of the future.

Maybe you have a spouse or parent with Alzheimer's. You've been dealing with that now for months and it just goes on and on.

Maybe you have a home situation filled with stress and tension, and there seems to be no solution to it.

The Living Bible tells us in 1 Peter 1:6-7, "So be truly glad! There is wonderful joy ahead, even though the going is rough for a while down here. These trials are only to test your faith, to see whether or not it is strong and pure."

### **D. Be Visionary .**

And the fourth lesson is: "God's plan may be better than all of our plans."

Becky Pepper tells the familiar children's story: "Once Upon A Mountaintop." It's about 3 little trees growing on the top of a mountain. These trees were talking together one day. (In children's stories trees can talk with one another.) One tree said to the others, "What do you want to be when you grow up?"

One answered, "Well, when I look up at the heavens and see the stars sparkling in the sky, I think to myself, 'I'd like to be a treasure chest that holds diamonds and precious stones.'"

The other one said, "Well, when I grow up, I want to be part of a giant ship that sails across the sea carrying kings and queens to important destinations."

Then the one who asked the question in the first place said, "When I grow up I just want to stay right here. I want to grow tall and straight, pointing to the heavens so that everyone who comes up on the mountain will look at me and think of God."

Over the years the trees grew and grew. Finally, men came and cut the trees and took them down from the mountain.

The first one was delighted to find that he was being taken to a carpenter's shop. But he was devastated when he discovered that he was not going to be made into a treasure chest, but rather, into a feeding trough.

And instead of holding precious stones, he would hold hay and feed for animals. And animals would come and slobber over him.

The second one was delighted to find that he was being taken to the seaside. But then he was devastated to discover that he was not going to be part of a giant ship,

but just a tiny fishing boat. And his cargo would not be kings and queens taken to important places, but dead, smelly fish.

The third tree was disappointed that he was cut down at all. He had just wanted to stay on top of the mountain. He was even more disappointed when he was cut into beams that were placed in a stack of lumber and forgotten.

Years passed, and one day 2 people came into the stable where the young feeding trough had now grown old and worn through years of use.

The old feeding trough watched as the woman gave birth to a baby, wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and then laid him in the feeding trough. And he thought to himself, "I am a treasure chest, because now I hold the most precious thing that has ever come into this world."

More years passed, and one day the second tree was sailing across the Sea of Galilee. On board were strangers, mostly fishermen.

Suddenly the winds came up and blew fiercely, and the waves began to beat against the little ship. Then one of the men stood up and said, "Peace, be still." And the little ship suddenly realized that his task was not to carry kings, but the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Two more years passed and one day the third tree was yanked from the lumber pile, and placed on the shoulders of a man who had to carry it through jeering crowds toward a hill called Calvary.

When they got there the beam was tossed to the ground, and the man was placed upon it. Then it felt the penetration of the nails driven through the man's hands, and into its wood.

And as the people gathered around cursing and mocking the man, the poor tree felt ugly and hated, too.

But then the man was taken down and buried in a tomb, and on the third day raised from the dead. And the tree said, "Now I know that every time men look at me they'll think of God."

### **Conclusion:**

### ***Learn from the Tomb!***

## **Other Prophecies of The King**

Last week you were given a list of Messianic prophecies from the Old Testament that were all fulfilled in the New Testament by the person Jesus of Nazareth. Here's a further listing that were all fulfilled during the Passion Week. While some may overlap, each proves undeniably that Jesus was the Messiah, the Christ Who came to redeem us. Enjoy, and Happy Easter!

*Bro. Allan ☺*

1. That the Jews and Gentiles would come against Him (Psalm 2:1, 2). Fulfilled in Luke 23:12 and Acts 4:27.
2. Being betrayed by a friend (Judas) (Psalm 41:9; 55:12-14). Fulfilled in John 13:18, 21.
3. His closest friends would forsake Him (Zechariah 13:7). Fulfilled in Matthew 26:31, 56.
4. Sold for thirty pieces silver (Zechariah 11:12). Fulfilled in Matthew 26:15.
5. The silver being given for the potter's field (Zechariah 11:13). Fulfilled in Matthew 27:7.
6. His sufferings (Psalm 22:14, 15, Isaiah 53:4-6, 7, Daniel 9:26, Micah 5:1). Fulfilled in Luke 22:42, 44; Matthew 27:30.
7. His being spit on and scourged (Isaiah 50:6). Fulfilled in Mark 14:65; John 19:1.
8. Being nailed to the cross (Psalm 22:16). Fulfilled in John 19:18; 20:25.
9. Being forsaken by the Father (Psalm 22:1). Fulfilled in Matthew 27:46.
10. Being mocked by men (Psalm 22:7, 8). Fulfilled in Matthew 27:39-44.
11. Gall and vinegar being given to Him at the cross (Psalm 69:21). Fulfilled in Matthew 27:34.

12. His garments being parted, and lots cast for His clothing (Psalm 22:18). Fulfilled in Matthew 27:35.
13. His being numbered with the transgressors (Isaiah 53:12). Fulfilled in Mark 15:28.
14. His intercession for those that killed Him (Isaiah 53:12). Fulfilled in Luke 23:34.
15. His Death (Isaiah 53:12). Fulfilled in Matthew 27:50.
16. His body would be broken (Exodus 12:46; Psalm 34:20). Fulfilled in John 19:33, 36.
17. He was pierced (Zechariah 12:10). Fulfilled in John 19:34, 37.
18. He was buried with the rich (Isaiah 53:9). Fulfilled in Matthew 27:57-60.
19. His flesh did not see corruption (Psalm 16:10). Fulfilled in Acts 2:31.
20. His resurrection (Psalm 16:10; Isaiah 26:19). Fulfilled in Luke 24:6, 31, 34.
21. His ascension into heaven (Psalm 68:18). Fulfilled in Luke 24:51; Acts 1:9.
22. Jesus sitting on the right hand of the Father (Psalm 110:1). Fulfilled in Hebrews 1:3.
23. Jesus being the chief cornerstone of the Church (Isaiah 28:16). Fulfilled in 1 Peter 2:6, 7.

## **Opportunities For Service**

**Living out Your Spiritual Commitment . . . and Fulfilling Christ's Divine Plan**

**Sunday, April 21, 2019**

**Happy Easter!**

Sunrise Breakfast..... 8:15 am

Sunday School ..... 9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: LeRoy Bush, Ken Nice,

Gary Yarbrough, Don Sharp

Alternate: Joe Coats

No Evening Worship .....

**Wednesday, April 24**

Prayer/Bible Study.....6:30 pm

**Sunday, April 28, 2019**

Sunday School.....9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: Larry McKahan, John Lewis,

George Burgess, Bill Schottel

Alternate: Ken Nice

Evening Worship.....6:30 pm

**Wednesday, May 1**

Prayer/Bible Study.....6:30 pm

**Thursday, May 2**

Senior Adult Event....10:00 am

Crossroads Chapel

**Up-Coming Events .....**

**April 21 — Easter — Sunrise Breakfast @ 8:15 am**

**April 28 — SJBA Semi-Annual Meeting, FBC Weston**

**May 2 — SJBA Senior Adult Event, 10:00 am,  
Crossroads Chapel**

**June 3-7 — Youth Camp**

**June 11-16—SJBA Mission Trip to Yankton, South Dakota**

**First meeting—May 6, 7 pm @ Mission Center**

**June 21 & 22 — Intro to Camping for Children grades 1-3**

**July 15-19 — Children's Camp**

**GROW Team**

Commit to **GROW!** **Everyone make a contact!** Invite someone to Bible Study and Worship this week. ☺

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**Sunday Night**

We will not be having Sunday evening service tonight as we celebrate Easter. Please come next week for a time of fellowship and inspirational study.

**Wednesday Night Prayer  
and Bible Study**

A few weeks ago we began a study entitled “Unseen, But Certain” by Dr. Danny Akin. We’ve covered topics such as Demons, and Hell, and now we’ll focus on Heaven. Our prayer time is also important. Please come as we pray for the direction of our church.

**Thanks for supporting the Food Kitchen Ministry**

We have done this ministry for several years and it is still effective. But we could use more servants! Is God calling you to serve in this area? Pray about it!

***Saint Joseph Baptist Senior Adult Event***  
*Thursday May 2,  
at 10:00am  
Crossroads Chapel*

**SJBA SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING**  
**April 28, 2019**  
**First Baptist Church**  
**Weston, Missouri**  
**4:00 pm**

We will plan to go and take the van for all who want to attend. We will leave the church around 3 pm.

**Youth Camp**...is June 3-7. Forms are available. There are openings for guys and gals if anyone is interested. Also, coaches are needed. Please pray about how you can serve.

**Children's Camp ...**

...forms are available soon.

**Children's Camp is**  
**July 15-19.**

Campers must have completed the 4th—6th grades.

**Associational Youth and Adult Mission Trip**  
**June 11-16, 2019**  
First meeting—  
May 6, 7 pm

***For the Record-***

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**Attendance: April 14, 2019**

Sunday School.....	27
Visitors.....	2
Total.....	29
Contacts Made.....	6

Morning Worship.....	49
Sunday Night.....	9
Children's Worship .....	??
Wednesday Night .....	6
Maundy Thursday .....	18

### **Financial Record:**

Weekly Budget .....	\$ 2,286.39
Offering Received ...	\$ 1,975.73
Long Family – March..	\$ 75.00
Annie Armstrong .....	\$ 1,530.00

### **Offering Received by Mail:**

### **April Counting Team:**

Jordan Lane and Larry McKahan

### **April Van Driver:**

George Burgess  
Remember to call 232-3747  
before 8 am if you need a ride.

### **April Member Birthdays:**

05... Datha Dillon  
13... Alice Coats  
15... Larry McKahan  
18... Lillie Williams  
25... Jo Mayse  
30... Nikki Garber

### **April Anniversaries**

Joe and Pam Battreal  
April 17, 1999

Bill and Juanita Haskins  
April 17, 1948

Joseph and Alice Coats  
April 29, 2000

### ***Prayer Requests ...***

Lillie Williams—strength & recovery  
Dottie Wildberger—recovery  
Jim Winans  
Gary Hurst—cancer  
Alice Coats—elbow  
Nellie Reynolds  
Mike Green—Knee Surgery  
Susie Long—Alice Coat's Sister  
Swymeller's Grandsons

Jack and Flo Conard  
Shirley Wilson—strength and recovery  
Sandy and Stanley Wilson  
Ruth Anne Bush—healing  
Sharri Duty—Jerry Garcia  
Linda Huff—cancer treatment  
Marcia and Don Hart—blessings  
Arlette Duty—strength  
Peggy & Gary Fewins—Peggy's health  
Donna and Bill Dunn—health  
Karissa and Matt Long and family  
Stephanie & Jason Terpack  
Rosella Davis—Flo Conard's sister  
Mary Sharp's brother-in-law Jim  
Bill Clinton—Don and Mae's son  
Lisa Bowers—Jack and Flo's daughter  
Zella Davis —Doris Richardson's sister  
Doris Richardson June Fritchle  
The Waters Family Elmer Mayse  
Betty Campbell Kevin Duty  
Ann Riddle Tim Izer  
Keon McKahan  
Jozy Winans Kenny Duty  
Pat Means Buddy Means  
Bill & Juanita Debbie Sands  
Pat Puckett Curtis Conard  
Brenda Burgess Roscoe Lane  
Carolyn Houts Seth Long  
Nickolay Nazaruk, Peski 2 Church  
David and Deborah Grace  
Our Nation and Leaders  
Our Military Service Women and Men  
Terrorism in our world

**Today's Prayer Requests ...**

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**Our Nation and our Leaders ...**

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**Five More New Families...**

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