

Emmanuel Prayer List - April

- Easter drama services follow-up
- For those who heard the Good News
- New connections will be made for those who responded and attended the EBC Easter drama
- For new Christians to be available for one-on-one discipleship to learn the basics of the Christian faith, and baptism etc

Study Continued

6. Pastor Peter used this passage of Scripture in John 20, along with John 3:16, to explain the purpose for which Jesus came to earth. He broke the verse into 4 parts (See opposite).
- For God so loved the world - What is the nature of God's love for us?
 - That He gave us one and only Son - What was the Father's purpose in 'giving' Jesus to us?
 - That whosoever believes in Him - Who does 'whosoever' include?
How do we come to believe?
 - Shall not perish, but have everlasting life - Why would we perish?
What has sin done to us, and what is the meaning of repentance?
What does Jesus mean when He says that we have everlasting life?
How does knowing that we have everlasting life, affect our life right now?
7. If you are in a small group, have someone explain salvation, using what you have just talked about in John 3:16.



"For God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only son that whosoever believes in him, shall not perish, but have everlasting life."

John 3:16

The Tomb is Empty



Saint Augustine

354-430

"God loves each one of us as if there were only one of us."

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The Tomb is Empty - John 20:1-18

The tomb is _____, Jesus is _____. He has defeated sin and death

FOR GOD SO _____ THE WORLD

1 John 4:7-8

God doesn't choose to love us. God ____ love. Love is the _____ of God

THAT HE _____ HIS ONE AND ONLY SON (v.1-2)

Mary Magdalene:

1 Peter 3:18 Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to

_____.

The consequences of sin:

John 19:30 Jesus said, "It is _____"

What did Jesus mean when he said that?

THAT _____ BELIEVES IN HIM

Reactions to the empty tomb:

Mary -

Peter -

John -

How do we come to believe? (Romans 10:17, John 6:44)

SHALL NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE _____

v.16 Jesus said to her, "_____."

And God knows your name, and is calling to you to believe and follow Him.

John 1:12 To all who _____ him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

Study Questions

1. Read John 20:1-10. Put yourselves in the shoes of the women going to the tomb, to anoint the body of Jesus. What do you think you are talking about as you make your way there?
2. After they find the tomb empty, Mary runs and tells Peter and John, and they all run back to the tomb. John gets there first, but doesn't go into the tomb. Peter arrives next, and goes straight in. Mary is devastated, crying and annoyed that someone would take Jesus' body. Whatever Peter was experiencing, we know that he didn't feel worthy to be called a follower of Jesus (since he had denied knowing Jesus) See Mark 16:7. John saw and believed. What are some of the things that make us struggle to believe in Jesus?
3. John saw and believed (John 20:8). However verse 9 tells us that they still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead. Many people would say that the story of Easter can't be proved, and yet there is more evidence for death & resurrection of Jesus than almost any other ancient historical event. But belief isn't about proof, and John still didn't understand, and yet believed. Belief is a decision we make based on the Word of God and the drawing of the Holy Spirit. Read Romans 10:17, John 12:32 and John 6:44. Examine these verses. What do they say about coming to faith in Christ?
4. Why is the resurrection of Jesus so important to the Gospel? (1 Cor 15:13-19)
5. Read John 20:11-18. Mary is standing outside the tomb crying. There are two angels in the tomb who are talking to her, and asking her why she is crying. Who do you think she thought these angels were? Next, Mary saw Jesus, and thinking he was the gardener asked him if he had taken the body away. Why do you think she didn't recognise Jesus?
6. Then Jesus called her name, and Mary, all of a sudden, realised that it was Jesus. She held on to Him, and then did what Jesus told her to do - and went and told the others that she had seen the Lord. What can we learn from this with regards to our own relationship to God?