

EMMANUEL PRAYER LIST - APRIL 2022

Easter 2022

- Our hearts will have new passion for the Easter message of Jesus' death, burial and resurrection and will spend quiet time at our Saviour's feet.
- The Holy Spirit will give strength, health and wisdom as our Pastors and staff prepare for Easter Services.
- Many unchurched friends and relatives will be invited to hear the Easter Story and hearts will be open and receptive to Jesus' forgiveness.
- The Holy Spirit will do amazing work in our Community.
- Staff and Pastors will follow up with newcomers or guests who give contact information at Easter.
- May all of our church family will be in prayer about Easter; invite friends to Easter Services; and, do the necessary personal follow up.
- For all the Pastors in the churches of our Community as they tell their congregations about Christ's sacrificial death and His Triumph over the grave; may they be led and encouraged by the Holy Spirit.

Study continued

9. Jesus is described as the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world (John 1:29). Imagine you are Simon and his family, sitting around the table, probably with friends and/or family, enjoying the passover meal. Remember, it was a lamb that was slaughtered as a sacrifice to atone for the sins of the people. The blood of that lamb was put on the door posts and lintel, so that the angel of death would pass over the people of Israel, and they would be saved.

How do you think the events of that first 'good friday' impacted the conversation around the table?

How does our relationship with Jesus impact the conversation around our table?

8. Mark 15:21 mentions Alexander and Rufus. (Also read Romans 16:13). The only reason to mention their names is if they are well known in the Christian community. What does this say about the impact that the first 'Easter' had on Simon and his family?

What can we do to make the influence we have on our family more impactful for Christ?

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"God proved His love on the Cross. When Christ hung, and bled, and died, it was God saying to the world, 'I love you.'"



When the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth.

Luke 18:8

1. Surrender - Martha & Mary John 1:1-44

2. Commitment - Simon of Cyrene Mark 15:16-21

3. Purpose - Thomas John 20:24-29

SIMON OF CYRENE John 11:1-44

Matthew 16:24 Whoever wants to come after me must deny himself, and _____ and follow me.

DENY YOURSELF

It means:

The old self says:

The new self says:

Prov 16:25

Luke 9:24

SIMON OF CYRENE

TAKE UP YOUR CROSS?

What it doesn't mean:

The cross:

To take up your cross means 1. _____

2. _____

Substitutionary atonement =

1 Peter 5:8

1 Peter 3:18

John 19:30 Jesus said, "_____." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Τετέλεσται = Tetelestai =

1 Peter 2:24 - What does it mean to live for righteousness?

Alexander & Rufus

1. Read Matthew 16:24. We discussed denying oneself last week, and how it meant surrender. In what ways must we surrender?
2. Some use the phrase, "that's a cross I have to bear," referring to hardship or difficulty etc. But crucifixion was a horrible death, intended to inflict agonising pain in a public way, so as to deter others from doing anything against the law of Rome. With this in mind, what do you think it really means to take up your cross?
3. Read Mark 15:16-21. Put yourself in the position of the family of Simon of Cyrene. You've just arrived in Jerusalem, excited to be celebrating passover. If you were one of the family, what would be going through your mind if you saw your husband, or father, dragged away by the Romans to carry the cross of Jesus?

If you were Simon, what do you suppose might have been the interaction between Jesus and you?

4. Simon was forced to carry the cross of Jesus. We are called to choose to carry our own cross. Realising that to carry one's cross meant to die to your old life, what is being put to death?
5. Read Romans 3:23, 5:8, 6:23, and 2 Corinthians 5:21. From these verses, how would you define the doctrine of substitutionary atonement?
6. Read John 19:30. When Jesus was dying, he cried out, "It is finished." What did Jesus mean by that?

The word = Tetelestai (Τετέλεσται) has been found written on ancient invoices, meaning, "Paid in Full." What does that mean in relation to your life?

7. Read 1 Peter 2:24. Dying to your old life also means that you are going to live a new life. What does it mean to, "live for righteousness."

In practical ways what does this new life look like (Make sure that you think about every aspect of your life - the way you think, behave, talk etc.).