

APRIL 4, 2021

EASTER

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"I know men and I tell you that Jesus Christ is no mere man. Between him and every other person in the world there is no possible term of comparison. Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne, and I founded empires. But on what did we rest the creations of our genius? Upon force. Jesus Christ founded His empire upon love; and at this hour millions of people would die for Him."

- Napoleon Bonaparte (1769-1821) French Emperor

DEATH AND THE _____.

Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jewish leaders. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away. He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs. At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid. Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

John 19:38-42

"God, so loved the world that he gave his only son that whoever believes in Jesus would have eternal life." (John 3:16)

NICODEMUS IS SAYING:

- HOW DO YOU _____ THIS WAY?
- HOW DO YOU _____ THIS WAY?

HE NOTICES THAT JESUS IS NOT JUST A TEACHER, BUT THERE'S SOMETHING GOING ON...

- SOMETHING OTHER-WORLDLY
- SOMETHING _____
- HE IS NOT _____
- HE IS _____ TO LOVE
- HE IS ABSOLUTELY _____ TO DO WHAT IT IS THAT HE KNOWS HIS BEST SELF WOULD DO.

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Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up.

(John 3:14)

IT'S THE _____ IN _____.

WE SEE THAT OUR OWN _____ CAPACITY LEADS TO GREAT _____.

- OWN HUMAN _____,
- OUR OWN HUMAN _____,
- OUR _____ FOR POWER,
- OUR TAKING _____,
- OUR WANTING _____,
- THAT ALL OF THAT STUFF LEADS TO _____.

THIS IS _____ THAT ACTUALLY CAN OVERCOME _____ WITH _____
ON THE _____.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU WEREN'T _____?

- GOD IS NOT THE SOURCE OF YOUR _____.
- GOD IS NOT THE SOURCE OF _____.
- GOD IS NOT _____ AT YOU.
- GOD _____ YOU.

LEFT TO MY OWN DEVICES...

- WHAT I ENDED UP WITH HIS _____,
- WHAT I END UP WITH IS _____.
- WHAT I ENDED UP WITH IS _____.
- WHAT I ENDED UP WITH IS _____.

BUT THANKS BE TO GOD...

THERE IS _____ GREATER THAN ME & HIS NAME IS _____!

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THIS IS _____ SUNDAY!

John 20:19-22

WE CAN ALL RELATE TO BEING _____ INSIDE OF A ROOM.

WE CAN ALL RELATE EVEN TO BEING STUCK INSIDE BECAUSE OF _____.

_____ BE WITH YOU.

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

WE WERE SO USED TO _____ BEING THE ABSENCE OF _____.

WHEN EVERYTHING IS _____ THEN EVERYTHING WILL _____ FINE

PEACE IS NOT THE _____ OF CONFLICT.

IT'S THE PRESENCE OF _____.

IT'S THE PRESENCE OF _____.

THAT'S WHAT _____ CAN DO. IT CAN BRING _____.

EVEN IN THE MIDST OF _____, EVEN IN THE MIDST OF _____, IT CAN

BRING _____. EVEN WHEN WE'RE _____ & _____ IT CAN BRING PEACE

EVEN WHEN WE'RE SUFFERING.

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And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. (John 20:22)

WHERE WE'RE NO LONGER LIMITED BY _____.

WE'RE NO LONGER LIMITED BY OUR OWN HUMAN _____.

THERE IS A POWER GREATER THAN US IN JESUS TO FILL US WITH BREATH,
TO FILL US WITH THE _____ OF LIFE.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO BE BREATHING?

LET... THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST - THE BREATH OF GOD -

THE DIVINE BREATH OF LOVE... _____

WE'RE NOT JUST REMEMBERING SOME SORT OF _____ EVENT

WE'RE ENTERING INTO A PRESENT-DAY _____

JESUS IS ALIVE - WITH US - BRINGING PEACE - BRINGING FORGIVENESS -

BRINGING FREEDOM - BRINGING RENEWAL

JESUS IS INVITING US TO RECEIVE THE DIVINE BREATH OF LOVE