

Good Friday Service

What's So Good About Good Friday?

The Problem: To the early disciples, this was anything BUT a Good Friday!

So to pacify the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He ordered Jesus flogged with a lead-tipped whip, then turned him over to the Roman soldiers to be crucified.

Mark 15:15 (NLT)

And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and plaiting a crown of thorns they put it on him. **Mark 15:17 (RSV)**

And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyre'ne, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. **Luke 23:26 (RSV)**

But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed. All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the Lord laid on him the sins of us all. **Isaiah 53:5-6 (NLT)**

The Good News... Nobody Saw Sunday Coming!

I am telling you the truth: It is GOOD for you that I'm going away. If I don't go away, the helper won't come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. **John 16:7 (GWT)**

He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. You know him, because he lives with you now, and later will be IN YOU. **John 14:17 (NLT)**

BECAUSE OF GOOD FRIDAY: GOD CAN LIVE INSIDE OF ME.

BECAUSE OF GOOD FRIDAY: GOD HAS COVERED ALL MY FAULTS, AND ALL MY LACK.

BECAUSE OF GOOD FRIDAY: GOD CAN BEAR MY PAIN WITH ME, AND FOR ME.

Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering... and by his wounds we are healed. Isaiah 53:4, 5 (NIV)

BECAUSE OF GOOD FRIDAY: GOD CAN USE DEATH (and things that feel like death) TO CREATE SOMETHING NEW, AND BETTER, IN MY LIFE.