



Good Friday

Introduction

God's ultimate act of love culminates with his pouring out his wrath on himself so that those who believe may be saved. "For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God" (1 Cor. 1:18).

Discussion

Whom would you be willing to die for?

Examination

- Why is it imperative for the redemption of mankind that Christ literally died?
- What is it about the cross that makes it good news?
- How is both God's love and justice displayed in the cross?

Application

- In what practical ways do you look at the life of Jesus as an example for how to live yours?
- What have you personally learned about God from the cross, and how does it change the way you worship him?
- How should you live your life differently in light of and in response to the cross?

Easter Sunday

Introduction

No doctrine is more critical to the Christian faith than the resurrection. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 15:17, "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins." It is clear from Paul that we cannot take this doctrine lightly. It defines our faith, and our salvation itself rests on its truth.

Discussion

Why would our faith be futile if Christ had not risen from the dead? (1 Cor. 15:17).

Examination

- Why is the resurrection central to the gospel?
- What is the most compelling evidence of the resurrection for you personally?
- Why do you think there are so many attempts to explain away the resurrection?
- What are the consequences of denying the resurrection? How would this affect other areas of theology?
- How does the resurrection speak to our eternal life in Christ?

Application

- Are there any areas of the resurrection that you have had trouble with?
- What does it mean to you that you are united into Christ in his death and resurrection? (Rom. 6:1–14).
- In what ways does the resurrection give you hope and change the way you live?