

Growth Group Questions

Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024

Introduction

The Lent & Easter seasons have inspired some of the best hymns and songs in all of Christianity. Pick a favorite song from one of our Holy Week services and explain why you chose it.

Into the Word – Job 19:23-27

1. I (Pastor Wolfe) was blessed to preach on the book of Job throughout the whole Lenten season. In later sermons I noted how these words of hope came from Job in the middle of the book, not the beginning or the end. If Job could praise God in the deepest depth of his time of suffering, name some times of suffering that we too can praise God in.
2. Sometimes people ask if we will truly have our own bodies after the resurrection, or how similar we will look to how we look now. What hints might you see toward an answer in verses 26-27?
3. Why does Job wish that his words could be inscribed on lead or in stone? In a sense, did God grant his prayer?

Into the Word – 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

4. Why should we be pitied more than all people if Christ has NOT been raised from the dead?
5. Why is the BODILY resurrection of Jesus an absolutely essential doctrine to our salvation?

6. What came into the world through Adam? What came into the world through Jesus?
7. Verse 23 reminds us the best is yet to come. Look at the rest of the text. What will be different when Christ comes back?

Into the Word – Luke 24:1-12

8. The other gospels seem to indicate that while there were two angels at the tomb, only one spoke. What “slight” rebuke did we hear in the angel’s words to the women? (In other words, what should they have known versus what they came to do?)
9. This is one of the only times recorded when an angel’s first words were not “do not be afraid” or something like that. What does the angel say instead, and why is that even better?
10. Why is it surprising that the revelation of the most important event in the church’s history is revealed first not to the disciples but to a group of women? How does this show the importance of women in the early church, especially considering the culture of the time?
11. Why might Peter (and John) have been especially eager to see what was happening at the tomb? (What had each done on the night Jesus was betrayed?)

Closing Prayer

Risen Savior, because you live – we live. Fill us with Easter joy and confidence, and let us stand with the women and marvel at your power and victory. Bless us in certain hope. Amen.