



REFLECTION / DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Pick a few questions from below and reflect this week, or choose 4-5 to discuss in your home group.

- Why were the religious and political leaders so threatened by Jesus?
- In your opinion, do you think it's hypocritical for those who claim to be religious to commit barbarous acts in the name of religion? What have even Christians done "in the name of Christ" over the centuries? Do you think the same is possible in this day and age?
- In preparation for next Sunday, read through the chronology of events leading up to Jesus' crucifixion this week. (For the outline, go to the Sunridge website and click on *from our Pastor*.)
- What is one thing you learned as you read through the chronology?
- Why do you think Jesus' followers deserted him? Which disciple responded the way you think you might have?
- How could Judas do it?
- Was Pilate conflicted about Jesus? Do you feel anger or sympathy when you think of him? Why?
- What is the most significant thought you had from the message, *Friday*?
- What are some of the *Friday* seasons of your life?
- Based on the *Friday* message, what do you think the *Saturday & Sunday* messages will be on?
- Who are you inviting to Easter services?
- Why do you think Britt says it's important to be on time on Easter? Will you?



THINK ABOUT IT

Three Days of Easter: *Friday*

OVERVIEW

Catholic tradition outlines an Easter celebration called “Pascal Triduum,” aka “The Three Days.” The practice commemorates the passion, death, burial and resurrection of Christ. Starting March 22nd, Sunridge will begin a series called, “The Three Days of Easter,” a kind of *Pascal Triduum*, only Sunridge-style. Three successive weekends, three consecutive sermons, each delineated by the final days of Christ’s ministry, passion, and resurrection as recorded in the Gospels. Each day had it’s own unique events and outcomes, and in each message we’ll explore those events in order to have a deeper understanding of Jesus’ final days, redemptive work and what that means to those of us who are doing our best to be His followers here in 2015.

SERMON OUTLINE & REFERENCES

The Three Days of Easter: *Friday*

Jesus warns of his crucifixion: Matt 20:17-19; Mark 13:9-11; Mark 14:3

Early warning signs: Luke 17:14; Luke 23:2; Luke 15:2; Matt 21:9-10, 15-16

Jesus’ authority questioned: Matt 21:23, 24-27; Matt 22:46

Jesus obscures his teachings: Matt 21:45-46

The religious leaders feel threatened: Matt 22:15, 17

Jesus confronts the Pharisees and warns the people: Matt 22:18, 23:1-34, 37; 24:4; Mark 13:5

They plot against Jesus: Luke 22:4-5; Matt 26:15

Passover & Last Supper: Leviticus 23:5; Matt 26:19-30; Mark 14:12-25; Luke 22:8-38; John 13:1-26

Prayer on the Mt of Olives: Matt 26:38; Luke 22:39

Judas betrays Jesus: Matt 26:47-50; Mark 14:43-49; Luke 22:48; John 18:3-12

The disciples desert Jesus: Luke 22:54; Matt 26:56; Mark 14:50

The religious trials: Matt 26:59-68; Mark 14:53-72; Luke 22:63-71; John 18:13-27

The political trials: Matt 27:1-27; Mark 15:1-15; Luke 23:1-12; John 18:29-19:22

Crucify him: John 19:12