



Easter at The Father's House

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USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures referenced in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is not to get through the questions, but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships.

Use the discussion questions as you see fit, but emphasize the relationships.

Colossians 1:13 (NLT)

For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.

Matthew 9:10-13

Later, Matthew invited Jesus and his disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners.¹¹ But when the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with such scum?"

*When Jesus heard this, he said, "**Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do.**"¹³ Then he added, "**Now go and learn the meaning of this Scripture: 'I want you to show mercy, not offer sacrifices.' For I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners.**"*

Matt. 27:15-26 (NLT)

Now it was the governor's custom each year during the Passover celebration to release one prisoner to the crowd—anyone they wanted

¹⁶ This year there was a notorious prisoner, a man named Barabbas. ¹⁷ As the crowds gathered before Pilate's house that morning, he asked them, "Which one do you want me to release to you—Barabbas, or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" ¹⁸ (He knew very well that the religious leaders had arrested Jesus out of envy.)

¹⁹ Just then, as Pilate was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent him this message: "Leave that innocent man alone. I suffered through a terrible nightmare about him last night."

²⁰ Meanwhile, the leading priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas to be released and for Jesus to be put to death. ²¹ So the governor asked again, "Which of these two do you want me to release to you?" The crowd shouted back, "Barabbas!"

²² Pilate responded, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

They shouted back, "Crucify him!"

²³ "Why?" Pilate demanded. "What crime has he committed?"

But the mob roared even louder, "Crucify him!"

²⁴ Pilate saw that he wasn't getting anywhere and that a riot was developing. So he sent for a bowl of water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood. The responsibility is yours!"

²⁵ And all the people yelled back, "We will take responsibility for his death—we and our children!"

²⁶ So 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.

Galatians 3:13

But Christ has rescued us from the curse pronounced by the law. When he was hung on the cross, he took upon himself the curse for our wrongdoing. For it is written in the Scriptures, "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree."

1 Peter 2:24

He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NLT)

For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

“I believe that these are the greatest words Jesus Christ ever spoke
These words are not the cry of a defeated man, but it is instead, the shout of a victor! This is
the exultant cry of one who has just won a great victory”

Alan Carr

“It is Finished” was a shout of triumph; the proclamation of a victor. The work of redemption that the Father had given Him was accomplished: sin was atoned for, Satan was defeated and rendered powerless, every requirement of God's righteous law had been satisfied and every prophecy had been fulfilled.

John MacArthur

1 Corinthians 15:12-15, 19-20

But tell me this—since we preach that Christ rose from the dead, why are some of you saying there will be no resurrection of the dead? For if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised either.

And if Christ has not been raised, then all our preaching is useless, and your faith is useless.

And if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are to be pitied more than anyone in the world.

... But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead. He is the first of a great harvest of all who have died.

2 Corinthians 5:17

This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ

TALK IT THROUGH

1. What are some qualities that make up a “true friendship”?
2. John 15:15 tells us that Jesus called his followers, *friends*. How does the term *friend*, in the context of your relationship with Jesus, fit? Is it a good description of your relationship? Why or why not?
3. Read Colossians 1:13, and Matt. 9:10-13 together. Consider that Jesus will go to all lengths to rescue broken people. What is one example of how your life has been changed by Jesus?

4. Read the story in Matthew 27 (above). Pastor Dave pointed out two “exchanges” that were made at the cross.
 - a. Jesus took the curse in our place. (Galatians 3:13)

 - b. Jesus took the weight of sin so we could experience true freedom. (1 Peter 2:24; 2 Cor. 5:21)

Has Jesus modeled to us the supreme example of true friendship? Discuss this idea as a group.

5. If he has been the ultimate friend, how then should we live in response?