



April 3, 2023

Pastor Note:

Jesus Christ died. The Messiah, King of Kings, Son of God, Creator of all, God in the flesh died. Before Jesus died, like everyone else, He was conceived, born, and lived. Unlike everyone else nothing about Jesus is ordinary, He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, and although tempted like us, without sin. He shouldn't have died because only **"the person, the soul, who sins will die"** (Ezekiel 18:20), **"the wages of sin is death"** (Romans 6:23). But Jesus did die.

I was a twenty-four-year-old pastor, with a total of three months of experience. The man laying in the casket in the front of the sanctuary had died in a car crash, leaving a widow and four children behind. It was my very first funeral. Sometime during the service, the widow walked up to the casket and with sobs and cries of "Why? Why? Why?" and tried to crawl into the casket. To this day it is one of the saddest scenes in my memory. The fact, the how, and the why of death filled the room, held us in its grip, it does that.

There is the fact of Jesus' death. He really died, He let out a final breath, His heart stopped beating, His brainwaves ebbed to a standstill, and His body hung limb and lifeless. They even checked to make sure He was dead by thrusting a spear into His side, piercing His flat-lined heart. He was dead, and sometime later two men came and buried Jesus' cold and stiff body.

The 'how' of Jesus' death seems obvious on the surface. He was crucified by Romans soldiers on the order of the Roman Governor Pontius Pilate, at the insistence and machinations of the High Priests and Jewish High Council. It was a public, violent, and cruel death by crucifixion. However, that's not the complete 'how' of Jesus' death. He died voluntarily. At His arrest, a bloody melee was about to break out, Jesus stopped it and said, **"Don't you realize that I could ask my Father for thousands of angels to protect us, and he would send them instantly? But if I did, how would the Scriptures be fulfilled that describe what must happen now?"** (Matthew 26:53-54, NLT2). And Jesus died of His own accord, He didn't get robbed of His life He laid it down, **"Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again"** (John 10:17-18, NKJV).

We are left with the "Why?" of Jesus' death. The short answer is that He died because He loves us. He died to save sinners like you and I from the judgment and wrath of God, to keep us out of hell. **"The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know it is the very power of God"** (1 Corinthians 1:18, NLT2). **"Since we have now been declared righteous by Jesus' blood, we will be saved through Him from God's wrath"** (Romans 5:9, HCSB, italics mine).

Jesus died in our place. **"He made the One who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him"** (2 Corinthians 5:21, HCSB). **"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. By his wounds you are healed"** (1 Peter, 2:24 NLT2).

Jesus died to pay for and forgive our sins. **"And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This He set aside, nailing it to the cross"** Colossians 2:13-14 (ESV). **"He gave his life to purchase freedom for everyone"** (1 Timothy 2:6, NLT2). **"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace"** (Ephesians 1:7 NKJV).

Jesus died to defeat both sin and death for us. **"Christ was raised from the dead, and He will never die again. Death no longer has any power over Him. When He died, He died once to break the power of sin. But now that He lives, He lives for the glory of God"** (Romans 6:9-10, NLT2).

Jesus died to give us life, eternal life. **"Christ has now become the High Priest over all the good things that have come. He has entered that greater, more perfect Tabernacle in heaven, which was not made by human hands and is not part of this created world. With his own blood ... He entered the Most Holy Place once for all time and secured our redemption forever"** (Hebrews 9:11-12, NLT2). **"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life"** (John 3:16, NIV).

Sinners, you and I, desperately need Jesus, we are hopelessly lost heading for the judgment of God without Him. Put your faith in trust in Him today. If you believe the truth about Jesus and call on His name, He can and will save you.

To God be all glory. Love you, Pastor Hans



Lord Hear Our Prayers

Sermon Notes:

PRAYER REQUEST

Health: Karen Souza, Shirley Wolfenbarger,
Mabel Mayes, JoEllen, Gabi Cox,
Rickie Jeffers
Family and Friends, Our Church's Ministries,

SALVATION

Nick, Greg, David, Phillip, Luke, Skip, Demetrius McCray,
Farney, John Boykin, Peter, Mariah Ellis, Jimmy,
Shyrlee Stagner, Dan, Josiah, Amanda, Jim

Military And Those Serving

Michael Berger, Austin Downing, Mike Sharland,
Noah Martin, Rebekah Wilhelmy, John Michael Chavez,
Chris Kelly, Austin Kroeker, Dylan Werner, Brian Sula,
Michael Thomasson, Thomas Hoffman, Joel Thelen,
Clayton Brown, Jonathan Grinols, Joshua Grabowski,
Christopher Sula

For those wanting to send cards & flowers to *Genevieve* see her new address below:

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Prayers:

Being a Church that Cares Well

Training coming soon...

Why?

“The American church is facing an abuse crisis. Is your church doing all it can to be safe for survivors and safe from abuse? Churches should be a refuge for those who have experienced abuse. But, too often, survivors haven't found the protection they deserve and the care they need from the church. Are you ready to join us in changing that?”

Yes. We are committed to being a safe place for everyone from babies to elderly and we will continue to keep ourselves educated and trained in order to be able to love, love, love. In order for that we will have once-a-month trainings for 4 months for our church staff, Deacons, Board, Children and Youth Leaders, Women's Leaders, Men's Leader, and Food Basket Leaders, and any other adult that may be interested in attending. Each meeting will be at the church from **6:00-8:30 pm**.

Meeting 1: 2/13/23

Meeting 2: 3/13/23

Meeting 3: 4/17/23

Meeting 4: 5/08/23

The videos are survivor stories, educational training, and explaining why the church's response to abuse is a Gospel issue (meeting #1).

In addition to providing these monthly meetings, our leaders and administration will commit to protecting our children and church by training as Mandated Reporters and have a live scan background check.

If you would like to join our monthly meetings, please let Susie Frei know so there is a seat for you (skfrei@gmail.com or 209-247-9234) or let Jannett know.

April Announcements

Upcoming Events

- Men's Gathering - Tuesdays @ 6:00 P.M.
- **Wednesday Night Bible Study for all ages - 7:00 P.M.**
- Food Ministry - 1st Wed. & 3rd Tues. @ 9:00 AM - 11:00 A.M.
- Communion Sunday - March 26th
Deacon Board Meeting every 4th Sunday after service

Fellowship Time Snacks
were provided

By - *Hans' Class*

Thank you

Next week Dan's Class is up!!

If you are interested in Church Membership,
please see the sign-up sheet in the foyer.

The church is looking for someone experienced in
Accounting. If that's **you** please get your name
to Jannett in the office or see Pastor Hans.

EASTER WORSHIP TIMES:

Good Friday Communion—Friday, April 7th, 7:00 pm

Sunrise Service—Sunday, April 9th, 6:30 am @ Blue Oaks
Campground, Lake Don Pedro

Easter Celebration Service - Sunday, April 9th, 10:30 am

Giving

March 26, 2023

Offering:
\$1,496.00

Food:
\$40.00

Facilities:
\$10.00

Missions:
\$20.00

Attendance:
87

Weekly Events

Sunday School/Small Groups:

9:00 AM

Sunday Morning Worship Service:

10:30 AM

Sunday Evening Worship Service:

6:00 PM

Tuesday: Men's Gathering: 6:00 PM

1st Wednesday & 3rd Tuesday

Food Ministry:

9:00 AM -11:00 AM

Wednesday:

Women's Bible Study - 10:00 AM
Bible Study/Small Group - 7:00 PM
Grief Share - 6:30 PM (On Hiatus)

Thursday: Chicken Foot - 1:00 PM

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1 Timothy 6:18



April 3rd - April 9th

DAY 1 - Luke 18
(Psalms 31)

DAY 2 - Luke 19
(Psalms 32)

DAY 3 - Luke 20
(Psalms 33)

DAY 4 - Luke 21
(Psalms 34)

DAY 5 - Luke 22 &
Isaiah 53 (Psalms 35)

DAY 6 - Luke 23
(Psalms 36)

DAY 7 - Luke 24
(Psalms 37)

Welcome all of you who are guests with us today. Our desire is for you to relax and be blessed by worship, God's Word, and fellowship. We, the members, have committed ourselves to underwrite the church financially. We do not expect you to contribute to the offering, but you are free to participate. We would like to get to know you and for you to know us better.