

Sermon Title: Hope in Remembering

Sermon Series: Easter: The Road to HOPE

Scripture: Mark 14:12-25

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“Confucius, Muhammad, Buddha, Moses—they all died in old age, in comfort and blessedness, triumphant over their opponents. Of all the founders of major religions, Jesus alone died alone, young, stripped naked, stared at, mocked, while he died by nails in agony, crying out to God who had forsaken him. Who, hearing that story, would say, “That’s the spiritual leader I want?” And yet, the suffering and death of Jesus Christ transformed lives at a depth and on a scale that completely changed the ancient world.”

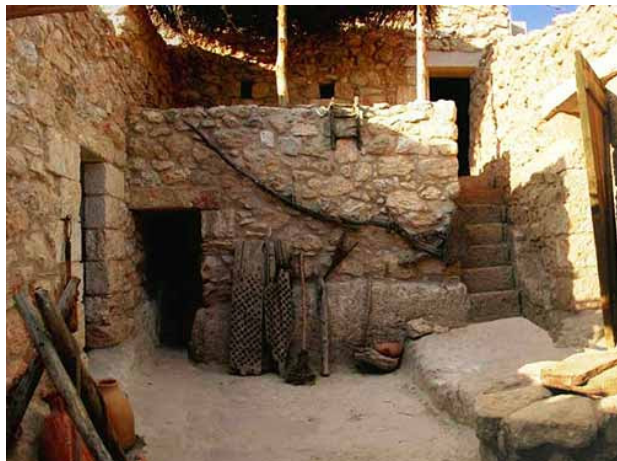
—Tim Keller

What was it about Jesus’ death that _____ everything?

What could we _____ that could give us hope today?

Mark 14:12 ESV

12 And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, “Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?”





Exodus 12:1-2 ESV

12 The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, 2 “This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you.

Exodus 12:3-6 ESV

3 Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers’ houses, a lamb for a household. 4 And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. 5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, 6 and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

Exodus 12:7-11 ESV

7 “Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. 8 They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. 9 Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. 10 And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains

until the morning you shall burn. 11 In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover.



Exodus 12:13-14 ESV

13 The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

14 "This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.

Exodus 12:25-27 ESV

25 And when you come to the land that the Lord will give you, as he has promised, you shall keep this service. 26 And when your children say to you, 'What do you mean by this service?' 27 you shall say, 'It is the sacrifice of the Lord's Passover, for he passed over the houses of the people of Israel in Egypt, when he struck the Egyptians but spared our houses.'" And the people bowed their heads and worshiped.

They remembered how God defeated their greatest enemy, how the spotless sacrifice of another saved them, and how they have hope in a rescuing God.

Mark 14:17-18a ESV

17 And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. 18 And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me..."



Sedar = order

Exodus 6:6-7 ESV

6 Say therefore to the people of Israel, 'I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from slavery to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment. 7 I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God, and you shall know that I am the Lord your God, who has brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

1st Cup – I will take you out

2nd Cup – I will set you free

3rd Cup – I will redeem you

4th Cup – I will take you

—Ray Vander Laan

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Mark 14:18-21 ESV

18 And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.” 19 They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, “Is it I?” 20 He said to them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. 21 For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.”

Mark 14:22 ESV

22 And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.”

Luke 22:19 ESV

19 And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

3rd Cup – I will redeem you

Mark 14:23-24 ESV

23 And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. 24 And he said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.

Ephesians 1:7 ESV

7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,

4th Cup – I will take you

Mark 14:25 ESV

25 Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

Jesus is saying _____ will make a covenant between you and God. Instead of this covenant being on your shoulders to fulfill, like the innocent lamb, _____ blood, _____ love will fulfill this covenant. _____ is going to bring you to my father’s kingdom.

Mark 14:29 ESV

29 Peter said to him, “Even though they all fall away, I will not.”

Mark 14:27-28 ESV

27 And Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away, for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’ 28 But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.”

“Your salvation does not depend on your commitment to me but my commitment to you. Your salvation does not depend on the quality of your faith... obedience... and commitment to me. It depends completely on my commitment to you and my commitment is perfect.”

—Tim Keller



What was it about Jesus' death that _____ everything?

What could we _____ that could give us hope today?

_____ reminds us that we have _____ because Jesus brought about God's rescuing protection

Discussion Questions – February 18, 2024 – Hope in Remembering

Getting to Know You:

1. What are some important events that your family gathered to celebrate or remember?
2. Are there any unique traditions involved?

Into the Bible:

Read Mark 14:12-25

12 And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, "Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" 13 And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, 14 and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' 15 And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us." 16 And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

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3. What was something from the passage or sermon that surprised you, helped you, confused you, bothered, or encouraged you?
4. What does this passage tell us about God? People? Living to please God?
5. Why do you think God commanded the Israelites to celebrate the Passover meal of remembrance? Why is remembering so important?
6. How does Jesus transform the meaning of this meal?

For Extra Study, Read Exodus 12:7-11, 24:5-8

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Exodus 24:5-8 ESV

5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, 6 and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight. 7 “Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. 8 They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it.

7. How do these verses compare and contrast with the scene in the upper room and what is about to happen on the cross?

8. What do you find challenging about trusting God?

9. What needs to change in your life so that you can live this out?

10. Jot down any insights, questions, or key observations.

Application Questions:

11. The first thing we know clearly about the Lord’s Supper is that it is an act of remembrance. As a group, share what you typically think about during your participation in the Lord’s supper. What specifically are you remembering? What are you praying for?

12. What are the blessings we experience and proclaim through taking communion and remembering Jesus' death?

13. Jesus didn't take the fourth cup of God's protection so that he could suffer on our behalf. Share an example when you or someone you know followed this example in the midst of suffering and how their faithfulness made an impact on others.

14. This week, what would change if you really believed Jesus died for you?

15. This week, how can you remember the Lord's death? How could this group help you remember?