

Easter Sunday "A Tale of 3 Gardens"

Sermon Notes

Big Idea: From death to life. Three eternally connected gardens. It was the passion displayed in the midst of one that provided the world-changing power to take place in another. Yet it all pointed back to the original garden where the initial promise was spoken.

The Garden of Eden: The Promise
The Garden of Gethsemane: The Passion
The Garden Tomb: The Power

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:15 (NIV) Matthew 26:36 (NIV) Luke 22:40-44 (ESV)

Passion: The degree of difficulty you are willing to endure in order to accomplish your goal

Isaiah 53:5-7; 9 (ESV) John 19:40-42; 20:1-16 (ESV)

Who are you seeking?

Discussion Questions

- 1) What impacted you the most from this week's message? Encouraged you? Challenged you?
- **2)** Read Genesis 3:15. How does this promise provide hope to you today? Have you ever explained to others that God always leaves a promise of hope despite how bad we mess up?
- **3)** Read Luke 22:40-44. Have you ever thought about the agony of Jesus' time in Gethsemane? How does the above definition of *Passion* impact your understanding of Jesus' Crucifixion?
- **4)** Read Isaiah 53:5-7. Which verse(s) *sticks out to you* when it comes to Jesus' Passion or your need of a Savior? Explain.
- **5)** Read John 20:1-16. Have you ever been in need of a fresh introduction to the resurrected Jesus? How did you respond to the question *"Who are you seeking?"* when it was asked in the sermon?