

Easter Sunday A Three Garden Tour

Sermon Notes

Big Idea: It all started in a garden. A lush atmosphere beaming with life and hope, quicky took a turn for the worse. What was deemed as very good, abruptly became both very sad and really bad. Yet a seed of promise was planted. This seed would germinate for years to come, and in a future garden this seed would both grow and overcome. New life would be born, and access to the original garden's intent would be restored. This is a tale of the gardens... this is the story of Easter.

The Garden of Eden: The Promise

The Garden of Gethsemane: The Passion

The Garden Tomb: The Power

Genesis 2:15-17 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 for 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?