



Jesus and Death

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DEATH

The Great Interruption
The Great Schism
The Great Insult
The Great **ENEMY**.

In facing death, we often have **REGRET** for the past, and **FEAR** of the future. *(1 Corinthians 15:56, Romans 1:21-22)*

DEFEATING DEATH

Jesus is not our pioneering trailblazer. He is our **CHAMPION**.
(1 Samuel 17:8-11, 45-47)

JESUS THE GIANT KILLER

- Unlike David, Jesus didn't just **RISK** his life, he **GAVE** his life... and that's what it took for him to defeat sin and death.
- Jesus took the **PENALTY** we deserve for our sins, which was the punishment of death – and he did it in our place, as our **SUBSTITUTE**. *(Acts 2:23-24)*
- Jesus destroyed the power of death because he died and rose, taking away our penalty and guaranteeing the future resurrection of all who unite with him **BY FAITH**.
- Christianity gives you a **CHAMPION** who has defeated death, who **forgives** and pardons you at the cost of his life, and then covers you with his **love** for all eternity. *(Philippians 3:8-9)*

Will you trust him and let him fight for you?

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In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered... He too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

Acts 2:23-24

²³ This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. ²⁴ But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

Philippians 3:8-9

I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.

1 Corinthians 15:55-57

Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ"



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GROWTH GROUP DIGGING DEEPER QUESTIONS

To catch the weekend message, go to the MTC App, or MissionTrailsChurch.com.

GETTING STARTED

1. **GROUP LEADER:** Since life is a bit out of the ordinary right now, feel free to take 10-15 minutes to catch up at the beginning of your meeting.

DIGGING DEEPER

2. Was there anything about this week's online sermon that was encouraging, inspiring, challenging or confusing?

3. This Easter, what has brought you the greatest joy? Why?

4. **READ 1 Corinthians 15:12-26**

What are one or two things that this passage tells you about the world?

5. Was there a time that the resurrection was difficult for you to believe? If so, what helped give you confidence and evidence? What struggles do you still have?

GETTING PERSONAL

6. How does the knowledge of Jesus resurrection (Jesus as your champion over death) help you deal with fear, anxiety, mortality, and things like that?

BRINGING IT HOME

7. Do you remember the story about the lumberjack and the mother bird from the sermon? **Have someone retell it.** (If you don't know it, then just skip this question 😊).

Is there a tree that you are building your nest in that is not Jesus Christ and his righteousness? If you're not sure, how do you think you could begin to identify something like that?

8. **In light of the passage we've read, or sermon from this past weekend, what is one point of action or application you need to take in your life this next week?**

Or...

What is one thing the Holy Spirit is leading you to do?

PRAY TOGETHER