

## Show and Tell

### I. Slide1 Announce:

- A. Slide2-8 Lar: Ladies. REAL. Mdle Schl Cmp. CK Cmp. Men's brkfst. Meal's min. Miss Prayr
- B. Slide9 Breathe Retreat: An online retreat designed to provide wholistic support to **parents** of children of any age with mental health conditions, especially those with serious mental illness (SMI). This event is on Sat, July 8, from 9-noon. It's hosted by Kay Warren of Saddleback Church. You'll hear abbreviated versions of core BREATHE messages, practice a sample of the breathwork, and meet some of the other BREATHE parents who know this journey of mental illness well. The cost is \$29, more information on the website on the screen.

### II. Slide10 Intro: Show and Tell

- A. Were you there when they **crucified my Lord**? Were you there when they **took him from the cross**? Were you there when they **laid him in the tomb**? Were you there **when the stone was rolled away**? (Oooh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, x's 3) *spiritual*
- B. Slide11 1 Cor.15:1-4 *Now I would remind you, brothers, of **the gospel** I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, 2 and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you - unless you believed in vain. 3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: **that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.***
- C. The Gospel is a message of *what **God has done** for me, what I could not do for myself. Jesus came to earth to **live a life** I should have lived. To **die a death** I should have died. To **rise from the dead** so that I may live also. **So that** because of this work *I could be saved.**
1. Which produces *worship, adoration, and grace*. Which produces a **love** for **Him** and **others**. Which drives out temptation to sin. Which gives me the desire to **please Him**.

2. Last year I was at a conference where Ray Ortland said, **Gospel doctrine creates and demands gospel culture**. Then he showed this picture **Slide12a** (kkk + Jesus Saves)

a) **Slide12b** Or said another way, *The Gospel is Show and Tell, not just tell.*

D. Prayer:

### III. **Slide13a DEATH (23:44-49) READ** [outline: death. burial. resurrection]

A. Here is the last 6 hours of Good Friday: Jesus was crucified at **9 AM**. At **noon**, the sun failed to shine. He breathed his last at **3 PM** (and dies in peaceful trust).

1. The mission of **30 years or so**, is accomplished in these last **6 hours**.

B. **Slide13b THE DARKNESS** (44,45a)

C. A poet said, *God's Son is dead, no marvel then the sun doth hide its head.*

D. It was a miracle, but also *symbolizes* 3 things about darkness:

1. **Evil** - Jesus said this is *Satan's hour* (22:53). This is the worst of all crimes murdering a perfectly innocent man.

2. **Sorrow** - It's as if the sky begins to weep at the death of Jesus. Some refer to it as the reversal of creation. A deliberate undoing of the normal order of things. As if creation is sympathizing with Jesus in his suffering.

3. **Judgment** - Amos 8:9 *And on that day, declares the Lord God, I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth in broad daylight.*

(context, judgment upon Israel). Jesus is taking our judgment/our place.

E. **THE CURTAIN** (45b)

F. This curtain 25' tall, separating out the holy-of-holies from the rest of the temple, **now open to come freely/boldly to the throne of grace**. Ripped *top to bottom* (Mt.), meaning someone didn't throw up a ladder and do this. It was supernatural.

G. **THE 7TH WORD** (46)

H. What were His **1st** recorded words? (age 12) *I must be about My Fathers business.*

1. **Now His last words**, *Father, into your hands I commit/deposit my spirit.*

a) *A deposit, a trust or thing consigned to one's faithful keeping.*<sup>1</sup> (ESL)

b) He's quoting Ps 31:5, *Into your hand I commit my spirit.* Jesus adds *Father.*

2. **Now** when you commit your life into **God's hand**, you don't have to worry about *any other hand*, because **His hand** protects you, provides for you, & guides you.

3. These words have been **the last words** of others over the years: They were the last words of *Saint Bernard, John Huss, Jerome of Prague, Martin Luther, Philip Melancthon*, & many others.

a) Luther, "*Blessed are they who die not only for the Lord as martyrs; not only in the Lord as well believers; but likewise with the Lord as breathing forth their lives in these words: Into thy hands I commend my spirit.*"

4. If **your spirit** is safe (not nec your body, nor your stuff) If **your spirit** is safe ... *all is well!*

I. **He breathed his last** - His timing impeccable. It was death by *appointment*, not by *accident*. **And** we die also, **not** according to the will of cancer, **or** from an erratic drunk driver, no, we die under *God's providential care*.

J. **THE CENTURION** (47)

K. His testimony is a high point, serving as final witness to Jesus' innocence.

L. **Some of the crowd** would say *game-over*, **this centurion** would say *game-changer*.

M. **THE CROWD** (48)

N. This was not the effect usually produced upon **the crowd** by a public crucifixion.

1. **They had seen & heard strange things that day.** (forgive them? a thief saved? an earthquake? the curtain? terror of darkness?). **They run off smiting their chest ... was this the set up for Pentecost?**

#### IV. Slide14 **BURIAL** (23:50-56) *READ proof of death*

A. Slide15a Why the importance that *He was buried?*

<sup>1</sup> ESL, Enhanced Strong's Lexicon

1. Apostles Creed said, *Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried* (He actually died). Some say He was not resurrected but just resuscitated, so buried means really died (which the Roman guards were pretty good in making people *really dead*).

B. *Slide15b* 3 reasons why **burial** is important:

1. **First**, It's proof of His Incarnation (He was truly human, He could die. God can't die).
2. **Secondly**, His death was the payment of our atonement (we needed more than the Incarnation of Jesus. We needed more than the suffering of Jesus). We needed His death, His blood, His atonement. *What can wash away my sins nothing but the blood of Jesus.*
3. **Thirdly**, His death was a prerequisite of His resurrection. There is no Luke 24, if there's no Luke 23.

C. *Slide15c* **JOSEPH** (50-54)

D. **Joseph's finest hour**. This, godly, Rich believer, received permission from Pilate to bury Jesus's body. *What can I do? Use your sphere of influence.*

1. John tells us, *he was a disciple, but secretly for fear the Jews*. **But** this hour of *late-blooming-love*, draws him out of the *shadows*, to **fearlessly** befriend his *Savior*.
2. **Do you think it mattered to him that he defiled himself touching a dead body and couldn't eat the Passover lamb? No way Jose. Who cares about eating the Passover lamb when you have met the Lamb of God.**

E. **Lastly** in vs.51 *he had not consented to their decision and action* - I think it's interesting that *he remained with this group* (the council/sanhedrin). **Becoming a disciple**, he did not automatically leave the group who was **anti-christian, anti-Christ** (they killed him) and **hates Jesus**.

F. **THE WOMEN** (55-56)

G. (56b) Interesting, **they observe the Sabbath**. One one hand, *How do you rest after a tragedy like this?* On the other hand, *How don't you rest?*

## V. Slide16 **RESURRECTION (24:1-12)** *READ*

- A. Believing in Jesus' **sinless life** and His **death** *never* has saved anyone. **You must believe in His resurrection.**
- B. **THE WOMEN** (1-12)
- C. If you're *making up* a story, you wouldn't add **the women** being the first to see Him, as it would not help from either the Roman point of view, nor the Jewish.
1. In the Graeco-Roman world of the first century, the testimony of women was considered **unreliable** and **could not be used to settle legal disputes.**
  2. All the way through this is ***an eyewitness narrative***, **not** written from the viewpoint of one who knows the beginning from the end of the story.
- D. **Yet Jesus** esteems His *female followers* ... **Women**, last at **the cross**, 1st to see **the empty tomb**. **Women**, 1st to see **the living Lord**. **Women**, 1st to **hear His loving words**. **Women** 1st to **announce the joyful news**.
- E. **Jesus' pledge** - Jn.14:19 *because I live, you should live also*. Rev.1:17,18 *Fear not, I am the first & the last, 18 & the living one. I died, & behold I am alive forevermore.*
- F. **Slide17** Make it all about Jesus. **The resurrection** was so unique when it broke into the Greco-Roman world. It gave **hope for the future**. [outline is from a message by Timothy Keller] **That the future is *there*. That the future is *personal*. That the future is *certain*. That the future is *unimaginably wonderful*.** That the future is ...<sup>2</sup>
1. **There** - **Epicurus** (Gk philosopher) when you die that was it. ***Don't be afraid of death, you just cease to exist.***
  2. **Personal** - **The Stoics** (were like Eastern philosophers) ***Don't worry when you die you continue to exist, but not as your personal self.*** You become part of the substance of the world, part of the universe. **You go on, no reason to be afraid.** [***also note:*** it's universal/any culture/any time-period; We all want to be ***loved***. And we don't want to lose our ***loved ones***]

<sup>2</sup> adapted from message by Timothy Keller, Jesus Vindicated, Luke 24.

3. **Certain** - the future is available in Jesus Christ, that you can know you'll never be parted from love. *Certain of the love of the father, love of Jesus, & love of others.* But it does not console you if you're not sure it's for you.
- If you were walking out of a store and a plain clothes security person stops you, the one thing that you want on your person is **the receipt** to prove you paid for the items. The **resurrection** is a **giant receipt**, stamped across history, for all people to see that you can know that your future is: **Certain if you believe in Jesus Christ.**
  - But the future isn't just "*there, personal, and certain*" it is also ...
4. **Unimaginably Wonderful** - the older you get, you realize life is **seemingly irreversible**. Life is **seemingly irretrievable**. When when you're **old**, then your **youth** seems to be **seemingly gone forever**. When people die, it's **seemingly irretrievable**.
- Often religions promote *a spiritual future/a spiritual bliss.* But it is only **consolation** for what you've lost. But the resurrection is the **restoration** of what you lost.
  - See you don't just get your body back, you get the body you always wanted that you never had. You don't just get your life back, you get the life that you always wanted, and never had. **The resurrection means your going to miss ... nothing.** It's all waiting in the future. It's going to be unimaginably wonderful.
  - Some of you are putting off **marriage until** you find someone who could be *a spiritual partner with you.* (but for some, it may mean *never married*). So what should you say, *no one's ever gonna marry me now. I'll never have that joy. I'm getting too old.*
  - Do you know what the resurrection is? **Jesus Christ is living proof that you will miss nothing!** (He didn't enjoy an earthly marriage, **but oh there's going to be a wedding feast!**)
  - What about those locked into a real bad marriage? You're trying to keep it together, and may never have a great marriage as you look

around at other marriages. You may think, *I guess I'll never have an opportunity for that kind of marriage, it's irretrievably gone.* **No!** The resurrection means you're going to miss nothing. It's all coming in the future. *It is there, it is personal, it is certain, it is going to be unimaginably wonderful.* No one has ever offered a future like this! :)

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# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

These questions are designed to help you talk about God's word and Pastor Brian's message with friends and family. You of course can use your own questions, but we'd like to give you this tool to encourage Biblical fellowship and discipleship in your circle of relationships. ***Enjoy discovering more about Him!***

## "SHOW AND TELL" | LUKE 23:44-24:12 | PASTOR BRIAN

### **WARM-UP QUESTION:**

Is there a story from your life you feel weird telling people because it may seem unbelievable?

### ***"Death" - (23:44-49)***

How is Jesus' death a terrible thing and how is it a wonderful thing?

Jesus entrusted His spirit to the Father as He died. How does this help us to trust God in our darkest times?

### ***"Burial"- (23:50-56)***

Why is it so important that Jesus was actually buried?

Joseph had secretly followed Jesus' teachings. What do you think changed so that he was willing to "go public"?

### ***"Resurrection" - (24:1-12)***

Why is believing in His resurrection a vital part of faith?

How does the resurrection give us a fully expectant hope?