

**EASTER 2021**  
**Speaker: Mike Tatlock**  
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**QUESTIONS:**

1. Are you focused more on your disappointments, or the appointments God has for you? Is it possible you've missed some appointments God had for you?

2. Read Matthew 26:1 - 28:10 To which character in this narrative do you relate most? How have you experienced that pause and uncertainty between the tragedy, disappointment, and grief of a Friday and the triumph of a Sunday when God shows up? The gap between our prayers and God's provision.

3. Do you find yourself wanting to follow a Jesus who will serve you rather than being willing to truly serve the Jesus of the Bible? In what areas of your life do you find yourself wanting Jesus to serve you?

*Prayer: Jesus, I say yes to You. I believe I am better with You, even with disappointments, than I am without You. I feel stuck between the Friday of tragedy and the triumph of Sunday. I haven't seen the breakthrough yet, but I say yes to You today. I want to follow You, to know You, to have an encounter with You today. Jesus, I need You now! Amen!*

*Jesus, I choose today to serve You instead of asking You to serve me. I'm going to allow You to define the appointments between us. Even with my hurts and my questions, I believe You love me enough that You gave Your life for me.*

**FULL NOTES:**

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**Disappointment:** defeated in expectation or hope

Root Word: "fail to keep an appointment"

"Blessed is he who expects nothing for he shall never be disappointed." -Alexander Pope

**Matthew 28:1,2**

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it.

**Matthew 28:5,6**

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen.

They didn't know that Friday's tragedy would be Sunday's triumph.

**(Tragedy Disappointment) Friday - Saturday - Sunday (Triumph Appointment)**

They wanted Jesus on their terms

**Matthew 27:17**

So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate asked them, "Which one do you want me to release to you: Jesus Barabbas, or Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

**Matthew 27:23**

But they shouted all the louder, "Crucify him!"

Even though the death and resurrection of Jesus was 2,000 years ago, the world is still chanting "Crucify him"!

We all want a Jesus to serve our own self interests, and when he doesn't fit our agenda we want nothing to do with him.

Jesus is still on trial today and the jury of our hearts are being influenced by an anti-Christ culture.

2,000 years ago they shouted "Crucify him"! 2,000 years later they shout "Cancel him"!

**Acts 3:13-15**

You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead.

A self-serving Jesus always causes misplaced hope.

**Luke 24:17-21**

They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" "What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel.

Me-centered: Faith with a crisis (I believe + I deserve)

Jesus-centered: Faith with a cross (I believe + I receive)

**2 Corinthians 4:8-10 (NLT)**

We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed. Through suffering, our bodies continue to share in the death of Jesus so that the life of Jesus may also be seen in our bodies.