

An Invitation to Believe

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

Notes

Questions for Personal Reflection and Group Discussion

1. Read John 19:16-29.

We are so familiar with the gospel accounts of Jesus' crucifixion. Read these verses slowly; perhaps in a different translation than you usually use. What phrases stand out to you and why?

2. Read John 19:30.

When Jesus says, "It is finished." What is "it" and what does He mean by "finished?"

3. Read John 19:35.

Why is this verse significant?

What difference does it make to have an eyewitness to an event? Have you ever been an eyewitness to something significant? How does that affect the power of your testimony?

4. Read John 19:38-42.

Why do you think Joseph and Nicodemus took the actions they did?

What risks did this involve for them?

Who do you love enough to take risks for? Have you ever done anything risky out of love for Jesus?

5. Read John 20:3-8.

Which disciple do you identify with more, Peter or John? Why?

Imagine standing there in the empty tomb. What do you see? What thoughts are going through your mind?

What realization did John come to in the tomb? What was it that finally helped him understand?

What was it that helped you understand the truth about Jesus?

6. Read John 20:24-31.

Can you identify with Thomas? What doubts have you had about God?

How has God's Word helped you to believe?