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Order of Worship 19 March 2023 The Fourth Sunday in Lent

We Gather to Worship God

Welcome Worship in Song Call to Worship Worship in Song

We Listen to the Word

Prayer Sermon Series: Eyewitness Sermon: "Week 4 - Joseph of Arimathea"

We Come to the Table

Prayer of Confession and Consecration The Lord's Prayer We Eat and Drink Together We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song Prayer

We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life Gossiping the Good Stuff Doxology Blessing and Sending

Words to music, responsive readings and The Lord's Prayer will be on the screen













Eyewitness "Week 4 - Joseph of Arimathea" Pastor Kris Beckert

Have you ever felt let down by God?

I. Today's Eyewitness: _____

Mark 15:42-47 It was Preparation Day (that is, the day before the Sabbath). So as evening approached, ⁴³ Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Council, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. 44 Pilate was surprised to hear that he was already dead. Summoning the centurion, he asked him if Jesus had already died. ⁴⁵ When he learned from the centurion that it was so, he gave the body to Joseph. ⁴⁶ So Joseph bought some linen cloth, took down the body, wrapped it in the linen, and placed it in a tomb cut out of rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. ⁴⁷ Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where he was laid.

II. A Look at Joseph:

- 1. Who was he? _____
 - He was on the _____
 - He secretly _____

2. What did he do? _____

III. When things don't happen as expected:

#1. Do what's _____

John 19:38 Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jewish leaders. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away.

#2. Serve in the face of _____

Mark 15:46 Then Joseph bought a linen cloth and, taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb.

Taking down the body meant:

1. He treated Jesus as _____

2. He became ritually _____

Mark 15:47 Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus saw where the body was laid.

#3. Patiently perceive _____

Big Idea: _____

Doggy Bag-Some questions to chew on:



- 1. Have you ever felt let down or disappointed by God? Why? What happened?
- 2. What about Joseph is admirable to you? Why do you think he chose to act now, after Jesus' death, to publicly identify with Jesus?
- 3. What does it look like to honor others, despite your disappointment? Do you find it difficult to do what is honorable when things are falling apart?
- 4. Why is it important to serve others, even when you are in pain or not "feeling it?"
- 5. Why is it difficult but important to look to the future when you're facing disappointment? Have you ever been disappointed in something, only to find later that God was doing something else?
- 6. What expectations do you need to bury, lay to rest, and entrust to God?

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