

Easter 2017

Various passages

Launch

What kind of Easter traditions did you grow up with?

Explore

Read Matthew 20:18-19

What do you notice about Jesus' statement? What, do you suppose, was the reaction of the disciples to this warning?

Read Matthew 28:5-6

Why was Jesus' prediction of his own death and resurrection so significant? How did it impact these women at the empty tomb?

Read Romans 8:28

What is easy or difficult to believe about this verse?

Apply

Jeff described how, by already knowing the outcome of the Laker game, he was able to watch it (on DVR) without anxiety or frustration. In the same way, we know that God will ultimately win. How should this change our attitude and behavior?

How have you seen God use evil and suffering for a higher purpose?

The disciples witnessed incredible evil on Friday and were in hiding on Saturday. What is the current "two dark days" period in your life? What are some possible "Third Day" outcomes?

Pray

Pray for each person's Third Day outcomes: that in all things God would work "for the good of those who love him."