

“GOD, I NEED YOUR PEACE”

John 20:19, 20; Matt. 28:1-10

John 20:19 – “On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were gathered together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” and v. 20 says “The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.”

Matt. 28:1-10

I. EASTER BRINGS PEACE IN TIMES OF _____

And, remember, they didn't know it was Easter!

Good Friday - Silent Saturday. Easter reminds us that Sunday is coming!

John 20:11-16

It seems there is more we DON'T know than we DO know. But Easter tells us that what we DO know is much more important, significant, and life-changing than what we DON'T know – what we DO know is this – Jesus is alive!! And He wants to walk into our lives and say “peace be with you!”

II. EASTER BRINGS PEACE WHEN WE FACE OVERWHELMING _____

Matt 27:59-66

They faced the challenge of the stone in front of the tomb.

In addition, Pilate places a guard there, and seals the grave with the seal of Rome - which meant “tamper with this at the risk of your life”.

Mark 16:7 – the angel tells the disciples that Jesus was “going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see Him.” Galilee was where they lived. It was a time of uncertainty for them – and the angel assures them – He's gone ahead of you, and He's already there! When you get there, He'll be there!!!

“Don't be afraid of tomorrow – God is already there!”

III. WE EXPERIENCE EASTER PEACE WHEN WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S _____

Eph. 1:19,20 (Living Bible): I pray that you will begin to understand how incredibly great his power is to help those who believe him. It is that same mighty power ²⁰ that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in heaven.....

IV. WE EXPERIENCE EASTER PEACE WHEN WE BELIEVE GOD'S _____

He had promised – kill this Body and it will be resurrected the 3rd day – and this same Jesus also promised to come again and receive us to Himself! (John 14)

Easter tells us God is always in control. The disciples thought they had lost control – that GOD had lost control. But after the resurrection they understood that God is always in control!

“Jesus, may we experience Easter on a very personal level . Please walk into our lives today and say ‘peace be with you.’ And may Your peace bring us Your joy today, and all the days of our lives.”

