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THIS MONTH'S FOCUS – Getting Ready for Easter

And So the Story Goes....

Ira Stanphill was a singing evangelist who also preached all over the U.S., and in forty other nations. In 1946, he felt led to write a song that focused on the cross of Christ, and its availability to help everyone. At a tent meeting in Germany, Ira's song was being sung, and a man who was on his way to commit suicide heard the song and was attracted to it. This man came in to the tent meeting, and was converted to Christ. What song did this man hear?

**"The cross upon which Jesus died is a shelter in which we can hide;
And its grace so free is sufficient for me, and deep is its fountain – as wide as the sea.
There's room at the cross for you....tho' millions have come, there's still room for one –
Yes there's room at the cross for you."**

They Said It:



"Jesus does not give recipes that show the way to God as other teachers of religion do. He Himself is the way." – Karl Barth

"The way to Jesus is not by Cambridge and Oxford, Harvard, Yale, Socrates, Plato, Shakespeare or the poets. It is over an old-fashioned hill called Calvary." – Gypsy Smith

"The death of Christ was the most dreadful blow ever given to the empire of darkness." – William S. Plumer

"Christ has turned all our sunsets into dawns." – Clement of Alexander

"Our old history ends with the cross; our new history begins with the resurrection." – Watchman Nee

"Because of Good Friday you can look back and not be afraid.
Because of Easter you can look ahead and not be afraid.
Because of Ascension Day you can look up and not be afraid.
Because of Pentecost you can look inward and not be afraid."

– Warren Wiersbe

Readings From The Scriptures:

(Note: For each day, we will focus on one story, but use different Gospel accounts of that story. You can read just one of each day's passages, or all 21 passages one day at a time, or 2-3 passages per day.)

Day 1 – Matthew 20:17-19; Mark 10:32-34; Luke 18:31-34

Day 2 – Matthew 26:36-46; Mark 14:32-42; Luke 22:40-46

Day 3 – Matthew 27:11-14; Mark 15:2-5; Luke 23:2-5

Day 4 – Matthew 27:33-44; Mark 15:22-32; Luke 23:33-43

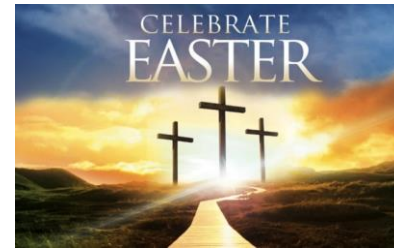
Day 5 – Matthew 27:45-56; Mark 15:33-41; Luke 23:44-49

Day 6 – Matthew 27:57-61; Mark 15:42-47; Luke 23:50-56

Day 7 – Matthew 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-11

Try This Memory Verse:

"Jesus said to Martha, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me will live, even though they die.'" (John 11:25)



Lent & Easter Resources . . .

Following are recommendations we have received from our readers to help us during Lent and to prepare us for Easter.

- **Irene:** [40 Days of Decrease - A Different Kind of Hunger. A Different Kind of Fast](#) by Alicia Britt Chole.
- **Pastor David:** (Scripture and a thought for Easter) "Believing in the God Who Believes in You" (Text – John 20:19-30) I. The Missing Thomas; II. The Doubting Thomas; III. The Believing Thomas; Which One Are You?
- **Sally:** Free printable Lent and Easter resources from Ann Voskamp (www.annvoskamp.com); resources from Bailey Suzio, including devotional series called "40 Days to the Cross," and "Being Not Enough: A Holy Week Devotional" (www.thethinplace.net).
- **Phyllis:** (a thought at Easter) "Remember, whenever you are in a position to help someone, be glad and always do it, because that's God answering someone else's prayers through you."
- **Vicki:** (For kids) – [God Gave Us Easter](#) by Lisa Tawn Bergren; [The Berenstain Bears' Easter Sunday](#) by Mike Berenstain; [The Story of Easter](#) (Little Golden Book) by Jean Miller and Jerry Smath.
- **Noelle:** "These Forty Days: A Lenten Devotional" by Jeren Rowell.

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