

## **THEME: GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**

### **WHY IS GOOD FRIDAY “GOOD”?**

#### **SELECTED PASSAGES**

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#### ***“Why is Good Friday ‘Good’?”***

Just before daybreak...

**Luke 22:59-61 – “...Another insisted, saying ‘Certainly this man also was with him...’ But Peter said, ‘Man, I do not know what you are talking about.’ And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, ‘Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times.’”**

The rooster’s screech and the soul-searching stare. Peter is frozen in time as the events of Good Friday continued to unfold...

**Once day dawned, Jesus’ ordeal continued. He was falsely accused, interrogated, humiliated, mocked, sentenced to death, beaten in the face, crowned with thorns, stripped naked, scourged, flogged, nailed to the cross, and crucified.**

This seems anything but “good,” so why is Good Friday called “Good”? It is good because it is THE most pivotal day of history. The four Gospels tell us:

**Matthew 2:2; 27:11 - “Where is the one who has been born King of the Jews? We saw his star...and have come to worship him.” “Are you the King of the Jews?’ ‘You have said so,’ Jesus replied.”**

**Matthew 12:21; 28:19 – “In his name the nations will hope.” “Go and make disciples of all nations...”**

Good Friday is “Good” because that is the history-altering day when...

- I. The King of the Jews brought salvation to the whole world.**

**Mark 10:45 - "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."**

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**II. The Son of Man served us by paying our ransom.**

**Luke 1:78-79 - "...the sunrise shall visit us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death..."**

**Luke 22:53 - "...this is your hour, and the power of darkness."**

**Luke 23:26-43 - "'Do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children'... 'Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do'...'Today you will be with me in paradise.'"**

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**III. The Light of the World shined on humanity even in our darkness.**

**John 1:29 - "Behold, the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world"**

**John 19:31-37 - not one of His bones were broken**

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**IV. The Lamb of God became our perfect sacrifice.**

Which brings us back to the soul-searching stare from Jesus to Peter, from Jesus to us.

The "Good" of "Good Friday" was proven by Easter Sunday, but it demands a response from each of us. And, just like Peter, we have this weekend to ponder it.

Why is Good Friday "Good" to YOU?