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**Calvary Chapel French Valley**

**Good Friday Service**

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### **Welcome to Calvary Chapel French Valley's Good Friday service**

- We are glad you could be here with us this evening
- Also, welcome to those who are watching online
- If you tuned in after the opening prayer, we will be doing Communion at the end of this service
- Grab a cracker and some juice and join us
- Every year on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the Vernal Equinox churches around the world celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ
- During a time of great persecution Christians aligned their celebration of the resurrection of Jesus with the pagan holiday of Easter
- Eventually, the pagan celebration faded out of practice, leaving Easter as a Christian holiday
- The secular world has commercialized Easter Sunday as a time to sell candy
- The world will do what the world does – Sunday is the day we choose to celebrate the resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ
- The Friday before Easter, or Resurrection Sunday, is called Good Friday
- It remembers the event that gives Resurrection Sunday its significance
- We gather on Good Friday to remind ourselves that Jesus died on a cross and what that means for the world
- It is also a time to reflect on what that means to each of us individually
- Because most of the people who come to a Good Friday service are believers, we will spend more time on reflecting on the meaning of the cross
- We will end that time of reflection by partaking of Communion together

## Teaching

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- Turn to **Matthew 27**
- All four gospels describe the crucifixion of Jesus Christ
- The crucifixion took place on a Friday morning
- On the previous afternoon, Jesus ate His final meal with His disciples – we call that the Last Supper
- That meal was a Passover meal – a celebration remembering how God had passed over them in the final plague on the Egyptians who were holding them in bondage
- After the meal Jesus led the disciples out to the Garden of Gethsemane where He prayed to the Father about what was about to take place **Matthew 26:39**

**He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.”**

- Judas Iscariot, one of Jesus’ disciples betrayed Him to the Jewish religious leaders and led a mob to arrest Jesus in the Garden
- After a sham trial in front of the Jewish religious leaders, he was led to the Roman governor for judgment
- **Matthew 27:1-2; 11-14**
- Jesus knew what was coming and He did nothing to prevent it because it was necessary
- Pilate, who was a wicked and unbelieving man, could see something was wrong with this situation and tried to prevent it
- **Matthew 27:15-22a**
- What was about to happen – had to happen – nothing could stand in the way
- Jesus, God in human flesh dreaded what was coming **John 12:27**

**Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save Me from this hour’? But for this purpose I came to this hour.**

- This is why Jesus left heaven and took on human flesh
- The Jewish religious leaders didn’t want it to be stopped
- The disciples couldn’t stop it
- Pilate wanted to but couldn’t

- And Jesus, though He dreaded it, willingly yielded to the will of His loving Father and allowed it to happen
- **Matthew 27:22b-50**
- Jesus died that Friday afternoon and before the sun set that day, He was buried in a rich man's tomb
- When Jesus died on the cross, He fulfilled the purpose for which He had come to the earth as a man
- I would like to take a few minutes to remind us what made this purpose necessary
- God is perfect, complete, and holy – He needs nothing
- God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit form a perfect and complete community
- They have existed in perfect unity and community from eternity past
- God chose to create the universe as an expression of His power and glory
- He didn't need to, and it adds nothing to Him that there is a universe
- He also created humans to exist in the universe He had created
- He didn't need to do that either – humans can add nothing to God's perfection and completeness
- Everything that God has created was created on purpose and for a purpose
- Think about the universe – humans are currently incapable of counting how many stars there are, let alone understand everything there is to know about those stars
- There are galaxies filled with billions of solar systems with countless planets
- What is the purpose of a universe so vast that only God could measure it and know it fully?
- Fortunately, the Bible answers that question for us **Psalm 19:1**  
**The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork.**
- Then **Psalm 97:6** tells us who this universe declares God's glory to  
**The heavens declare His righteousness, and all the peoples see His glory.**

- If the universe could be measured by man, they would no longer be amazed by a God who could create something so vast that we can't measure it
- When God created man, He gave them a purpose also **Genesis 1:26**  
**Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."**

- Mankind was created to be a reflection of God's glory, perfection, and completeness
- This was to be achieved through an intimate communion between God and man – through obedience to God's commands
- Adam and Eve chose to walk their own path and disobeyed God  
**Romans 5:12**

**Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned...**

- What was created perfectly and with a divine purpose was now broken
- And because all sin and fall short of the glory of God, we go through life broken
- Now, I don't know about you, but I don't have much use for broken things
- Try to imagine if your mobile device was not working correctly
- You might take it to your local retailer and ask them to fix it
- But what if they told you that you have to hand-carry it back to the manufacturer in China to get it fixed
- Would you do that? No! It isn't that valuable to you
- The Bible says that God is love
- Therefore, everything that God creates, He creates out of His nature of love, and it is the object of His love
- And God's most precious creation, you and me, were broken by sin
- And just like my phone is incapable of repairing itself, we can do nothing to fix our brokenness
- That is why Good Friday is so important to us **Romans 5:6**  
**For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.**
- Turn to **1 Corinthians 11**

- This is the text we usually refer to during Communion
- Jesus institutes the Lord's Supper or Communion on the night that He was betrayed
- I am going to use just two of the verses there
- **1 Corinthians 11:23-24**

• Jesus' body was broken because of our brokenness **John 3:16**  
**For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.**

- God created us out of His love and to be the object of His grace, mercy, and love
- And that was so important to Him that He sent His Son Jesus to be broken on your behalf
- God doesn't throw away His broken things – instead He made a way to take away their brokenness **John 14:6**

**Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."**

- I can't take my phone to China to get it fixed but I can go to Creator God to fix the broken things in my life that He loves because I believe that Jesus was broken for my sin
- And when God fixes the broken things, they are better than new **2 Corinthians 5:17**

**Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.**

- By faith walk in the newness of life because Jesus allowed His body to be broken on the cross so that you don't have to stay broken
- I am going to pray and then Pastor Randy is going to lead us in Communion
- Before he does, open your heart to God
- If there is something broken in your life, bring it to Him right now
- If you have never accepted Christ as your Savior, you should do that right now
- God does not throw away His broken things – not as long as there is hope of saving them
- That hope only exists in this life
- If someone dies and leaves this life without accepting what Jesus did on the cross for them then there is no hope
- Don't wait, do it now, before it is too late – Let's pray!