

TABLE TALK

FAMILY DISCUSSION GUIDE for April 17-April 23, 2022

WEEKLY READINGS: Luke 23:26-56; John 19:30; Exodus 12:21-28; Luke 24:1-8; I Cor. 15:20; Ephesians 1:14

Jesus' Journey: *The Payment, the Delivery and the Down Payment*

FOCUS: Luke 23:44-46

The Payment: Crucifixion

"...And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last."

BIG IDEA 1 – This week we see Jesus becoming the once and for all sacrifice for the sins of humanity as The Passover Lamb (see Exodus 12:21-28). What is known as "Good Friday" to us, was a terrible experience for Jesus who took all of **our punishment** upon His shoulders as He hung on the Cross. When He died, the curtain inside the Temple that separated God from mankind was ripped, symbolizing that **in Christ's death**, humanity has been given an opportunity to be reconciled back to God. When Jesus cried, *"It is finished!"* (John 19:30), He made the full and final payment for the penalty of all sin.

Q1- What stands out to you most as you read the story of Christ's crucifixion? What does it mean to you that an innocent man paid the ultimate price, allowing Himself to be crucified in order to take all of the pain and punishment for your sins?

FOCUS: Luke 24:5-8

The Delivery: Resurrection

*"Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and **on the third day rise.**"*

BIG IDEA 2 – On Good Friday the payment (for sin) was made, and on Resurrection Sunday the delivery was made complete! Once God raised Jesus from the dead, He conquered death and now holds the keys to life and death (Rev. 1:18). In resurrecting, Jesus became the *"first-fruits"* offering (I Cor. 15:20) for all believers who will also be resurrected with Him.

Q2-In the Luke 24:5-8, the angels had to remind the disciples that Jesus told them He would have to die yet be resurrected on the third day. Why do you think the disciples forgot this super important fact? It's easy for us to forget that - as believers - we too will be resurrected with Christ again one day. What are some things that can help us remember this promise?

FOCUS: Ephesians 1:14

The Down-Payment for Believers: The Holy Spirit

"The Holy Spirit is the down payment on our inheritance, which is applied toward our redemption as God's own people, resulting in the honor of God's glory." (Ephesians 1:14, CEB)

BIG IDEA 3 – This passage from Ephesians tells us that one of the reasons that God gave the Holy Spirit to believers was to act as a *"down payment"* (vs. 14) until their full resurrection in Christ in complete once Jesus returns. Just as you would put down a deposit to hold a precious item under your name, Jesus gives us the Holy Spirit as a deposit **under His name**.

Q3-When is the last time you put down a deposit on something and had to wait for the delivery? What was that experience like? Now, spiritually speaking, what type of feelings do you have knowing that - as a believer - you too have a deposit inside of you (the Holy Spirit) that will be delivered in full at the return of Christ one day?
