

EXTRA! EXTRA!

SPECIAL EASTER EDITION

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Greater Things



Jesus said to his followers: "...if you have faith in me, you will do the same things that I am doing. You will do even greater things, now that I am going back to the Father." (John 14:12)

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NEWS LIKE NO OTHER!

from Glen Rhodes, Minister of Discipling and Community Life

"Carrying his own cross, he went to the place of the skull (Golgotha). Here they crucified him, and with him two others, one on each side and Jesus in the middle." (John 19:17-18)

"Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance." (John 20:1)

If there had been newspapers in Israel during the time that these events occurred it is hard to imagine how the editors would have tried to capture the enormous implications of what was happening. Would there have been an extra edition of the daily paper? Would there have been cars driving around with speakers attached to the top? Would there have been text messages and internet pages proclaiming the historical news that was taking place? Perhaps it took them some time to fully realize what was happening in their midst?

But 2,000 years later it is very clear that the events of Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, the Crucifixion, and the Resurrection deserve our utmost attention and celebration. God has saved the world from sin and promised believers eternal life through His Son Jesus Christ's death and resurrection! With this special edition of the "Greater Things" church newsletter we wanted to highlight the many observances and celebrations that will be taking place in the weeks ahead as we remember God's work in our world and in each of our lives personally.

We hope that you will find a way to personally celebrate your salvation in Jesus during this special time of the year and give thanks to God for the incredible love he has shown to you. In John 3:16 the apostle summarized the events of Holy Week so well when he wrote, *"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."* Now that is news that is unmatched in all of history!



*"This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him."
1 John 4:9*

Palm Sunday and Easter At AMC

Come join us on Sunday, April 17 as we celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and anticipate the dramatic week that lies ahead. There will be palm branches, children singing, and believers worshipping the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.



Then on Easter Sunday we will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus with a special worship celebration full of music, praise, and proclamation that Jesus is Alive. Bring your family and friends early for the Youth Easter fundraiser breakfast from 8:00 - 9:15 am. We will have a combined Christian



Ed. time at 9:30 that will include a wrap up of our Lent theme and also

provide ample time for informal fellowship with each other.

Join us for these exciting weekends!

You Can Contribute to the Youth Easter Breakfast

There is still time to sign up if you would like to contribute food for the Easter breakfast that the youth will be serving. Check out the C.L. Board to see what is still needed.

Arthur Community Services

These Holy Week services are being planned by the Arthur Ministerial Association and the entire community is encouraged to attend. AMC will have parts in both of these community services.

Good Friday Service - Friday, April 22 from 12:00 to 1:00 pm at the Vine Street Christian Church. Each church will be sharing during this service and there will be various video and song breaks for those who need to come and go over their lunch breaks. This middle of the day service is intended to focus our attention on the events of Good Friday and the price Jesus paid for the sins of the world.

Easter Sunrise Service - Sunday, April 24 at 6:30 am at the First Apostolic Church. Each church will be sharing a special music number to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Pastor Rick Williams from the Vine Street Christian Church will be bringing the sunrise message. This early morning service will begin one of the most important days for Christians.

Please be a part of these Community services!

EXTRA! EXTRA! Schedule of Events

Palm Sunday at AMC		April 17
Community Good Friday Service at Vine Street Christian Church	12-1pm	April 22
Community Easter Sunrise Service at First Apostolic Church	6:30 am	April 24
Youth Easter Breakfast at AMC	8-9:15 am	April 24
Christian Ed/Fellowship Time	9:30-10:15am	April 24
Easter Worship Celebration at AMC	10:30 am	April 24

Holy Week Bible Trivia

Just how well do you know the events of Easter week?

1. As Jesus rode into Jerusalem (on Palm Sunday), what did He say would cry out if His disciples didn't? (Luke 19:40)
2. What was the man carrying whom Peter and John followed to prepare the upper room for Passover? (Luke 22:10)
3. What did Jesus give to Judas as a sign that he was to betray Him? (John 13:26)
4. At Jesus' arrest, who cut off the ear of the high priest's servant? (John 18:10)
5. Who was the chief priest who had Jesus arrested? (John 18:28)
6. Who was told to carry Jesus' cross for him? (Matthew 27:32)
7. Who owned the tomb where Jesus was buried? (Luke 23:50-53)
8. To who did Jesus first appear after his resurrection? (Mark 16:9)
9. Which disciple said he would not believe Jesus had risen unless he could see the nail marks in his hands? (John 20:24-28)



Answers: 1. Stones 2. A pitcher of water 3. Bread 4. Peter 5. Caiaphas 6. Simon the Cyprian 7. Arimathea 8. Mary Magdalene 9. Thomas