

# Faith

## United Church Of Christ

**SUNDAY  
WORSHIP  
SERVICE  
11:00 am**



## April 2021

### *The Easter Bible Story*

#### THE LAST SUPPER

[Matthew 26:17-30](#), [Mark 14:12-25](#), [Luke 22:7-23](#)

The last supper took place on the first day of Passover, or the Festival of Unleavened Bread. Jesus sent his disciples ahead into the city to prepare a meal to celebrate Passover. Passover is the remembrance of Israel being freed from slavery to Egypt and specifically when the angel of death passed over the homes of the Israelites that had lambs' blood over the doors.

As the disciples reclined and ate dinner with Jesus, he explained to them that one of the twelve of them would soon betray him. One by one the disciplines denied that it would be them, including Judas who would be the betrayer. Jesus responded that the person who betrays him will have a terrible fate and that indeed, it was Judas.

Jesus prayed and thanked God for the meal. He then broke the bread and shared the wine with the disciples and explained to them how the bread was a symbol of his body, broken for them, and the wine a symbol of his blood which would be poured out for their sins to be forgiven. This is where the church's tradition of communion comes from. After the meal, Jesus became like a servant and washed the feet of the disciples. Peter did not feel right having Jesus wash his feet but Jesus said that He was doing it to be an example to them. Now the disciples would be able to wash each other's feet, meaning they could be servants to all.

## *JUDAS BETRAYS JESUS*

[John 18:1-13](#), [Luke 22:1-6](#), [Luke 22:47-54](#), [Matthew 26:47-56](#), [Mark 14:43-50](#)

The Bible Story of Judas betraying Jesus is found in all four gospels. This powerful story is well known in Christian theology as one of the most significant events of disloyalty. There are several explanations as to why Judas betrayed Jesus, including bribery and demonic possession, that vary among the gospel accounts.

The Gospels imply that Jesus anticipated and permitted Judas's betrayal. One interpretation is that Jesus allowed the betrayal because it would allow God's plan to be achieved and another that regardless of the betrayal, Jesus was eventually fated for crucifixion as part of God's plan.

During the meal of the Last Supper Jesus predicts that "one of you will betray me" referring to Judas. Judas leaves the supper and goes to the Roman authorities who are looking to arrest Jesus. He accepts a bribe of 30 silver and agrees to take them to Jesus. Judas knew that Jesus and the disciples would go to a garden near Jerusalem and led the soldiers there, stating "Whoever it is I kiss, he is the one; take him into custody, and lead him away under guard." Leading the group into the garden, Judas sees Jesus with his disciples and approaches him. "Greetings, Rabbi!" Judas says, and he kisses Jesus very lightly. "Fellow, for what purpose are you present?" Jesus responds. (Matthew 26:49, 50) Answering his own question, Jesus says: "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"

As the soldiers move toward Jesus, the apostles recognize what is happening. "Lord, should we strike with the sword?" they ask. (Luke 22:49) Before Jesus can respond, Peter uses one of the two swords that the apostles have and attacks Malchus, a servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear.

Jesus caresses the ear of Malchus, healing the wound. He then teaches an important lesson, telling Peter: "Return your sword to its place, for all those who take up the sword will perish by the sword." Jesus is willing to be captured, for he explains: "How would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must take place this way?" (Matthew 26:52) This then leads to the trial and Crucifixion of Christ.



## CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS

[Matthew 27:1-54](#), [Mark 15:1-40](#), [Luke 23:1-48](#), [John 19:1-30](#)

The crucifixion of Jesus is recorded in the New Testament books, known as the Gospels - Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

This Bible story is the central summary of the saving Gospel of Jesus. Jesus had prophesied of his death in Matthew "from that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life." Jesus understood that his life would be required as a sacrifice for the sins of man.

At the height of his ministry and miracles, many Jews came to believe in Jesus as Messiah, the Son of God. Jewish leaders feared Jesus because of his growing followers. With the help of Judas Iscariot, Roman soldiers arrested Jesus and he was put on trial for claiming to be the king of the Jews. According to Roman law, the punishment for rebellion against the king was death by crucifixion.

The Roman governor Pontius Pilate was reluctant when it came to the punishment for Jesus. Pilate could find no wrong in Jesus, yet he wanted to give the people what they wanted, and that was the death of Jesus. Pilate washed his hands in front of the crowd to symbolize that he was not taking responsibility for the bloodshed of Jesus and then handed Jesus over to be beaten and lashed. Jesus had a crown of thorns thrust on his head and made to carry his cross along the pathway to the hill where he would be crucified. The location of Jesus' crucifixion is known as Calvary, which is translated from "a place of a skull".

Crowds had gathered to mourn and watch Jesus' death. Jesus was nailed to the cross between two criminals and his sides pierced by a sword. While Jesus was mocked, one of the criminals asked Jesus to remember him and Jesus responded: "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise." Jesus then looked to heaven and asked God to "forgive them, for they do not know what they do." When taking his last breath, Jesus spoke: "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit...it is finished."

Extraordinary events marked the death of Jesus. The sky was completely dark for three hours as Jesus hung on the cross. At the moment of his last breath, the earth shook, the temple curtain split from top to bottom, and the tombs of saints opened and their bodies raised from the dead.

The crucifixion of Jesus was a part of God's plan from the very beginning of the birth of Jesus. The sin of mankind would require a sacrifice. The sinless life of Jesus was lived and given so that man could receive salvation and eternal life in heaven.



**" And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven "**

**James 5 : 15**

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*Congratulations to Lindsey Stanley on her engagement to Ben Humphrey. Wedding date will be in the Fall of 2022!*

*Donald Shook is recuperating from leg surgery.*

*We welcome CPL Corey Sunday back from the military for good! He is settled in Hagerstown and we wish the best for his future as a civilian!*



**NEXT CONSISTORY  
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APRIL 18 @ 1:00PM



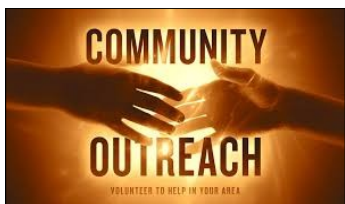




APR 23 - BAILEY WRIGHT  
APR 23 - MARIS CANNON  
APR 28 - RICH GIBBS



APRIL 6  
CALVIN & JOAN  
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Thank you for all the donations for our food basket in the arcade! We continue to collect items for the Thurmont Food Bank. Thank you to **Jim and Mary Frances Bostian** for delivering the donated food. All is needed and appreciated!

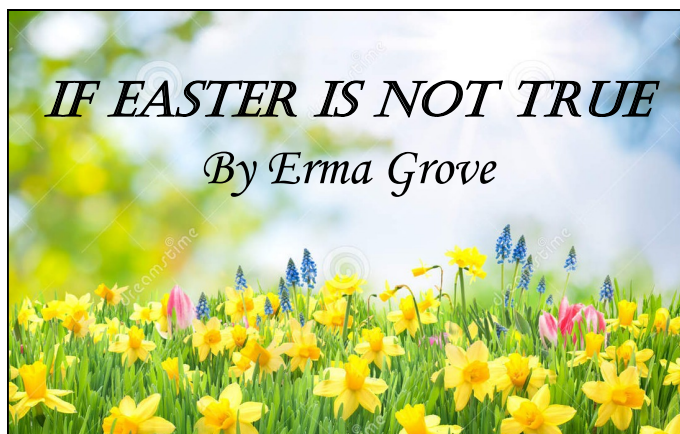
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*I give thanks to my God always  
for you because of the grace of  
God that was given to you in  
Christ Jesus  
1 Corinthians 1:4*

Thank you to **Mary Catherine Martz** for keeping the Pastor's schedule going so we can continue to worship! Every Sunday is a joy and inspiration to hear them preach!

Thank you to **Mary Frances Bostian** and **Pat Harley** for the duets played Sunday March 28 and April 4 Easter service. We are blessed by your talents and enjoy the special music!



If Easter is not true...

how is there faith

That springtime always will appear?

Like winter's snow, man's doubts are gone  
And fresh new life seems very near.

If Easter is not true...

how is there hope

Reborn each spring within man's breast?

New leaves and flowers come forth to show  
That seeming death was only rest.

If Easter is not true...

how is there love

Poured forth to man as spring arrives?

In warmth and beauty, light and growth,  
There are blessings no man contrives.

But Easter is a truth...

Christ lives forevermore!

Faith, hope, and love unite each spring,  
As waking flowers and singing birds  
Proclaim a risen, living King.





### RESURRECTION OF JESUS

[Matthew 28](#), [Mark 16](#), [Luke 24](#), [John 20](#)

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the foundation of the Christian faith. Without the resurrection, the belief in God's saving grace through Jesus is destroyed. When Jesus rose from the dead, he confirmed his identity as the Son of God and his work of atonement, redemption, reconciliation, and salvation. The resurrection was a real, literal, physical raising of Jesus' body from the dead. Jesus was arrested, tried, and found guilty of claiming to be a king. His body was hung on a cross between two thieves. After his death, Jesus' body was wrapped in linen cloths and placed in a tomb with a large stone rolled across the opening. On the third day, an early Sunday morning, Mary Magdalene and another Mary came to the tomb and found it empty. Sitting on the rolled away stone was an angel of the Lord who told them to not be afraid because Jesus had risen. As the women left to tell the disciples, Jesus Christ met them and showed them his nail-pierced hands. Both the Old and the New Testament speak of the truth of Jesus being raised from death - Jesus testified of his resurrection before he died on the cross and his disciples witnessed his body after the resurrection.

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## Be Yourself Be Yourself

One day King came to his garden and saw withering and dying trees, bushes and flowers. An oak said it dies because it can't be as high as a pine.

A pine tree was falling down because it could not give grapes like a grapevine.

Meanwhile the grapevine was dying because it couldn't blossom like a rose.

But soon the King found a single plant, pleasing heart, bloomy and fresh.

The king asked:

-All the trees and flowers here are withering, and you are flourishing, why?

- I think it comes naturally. You have planted me, because it was Your wish and Your choice. If you would like to grow an oak, grapes or rose, you would plant them. And I cannot be anything else than what I am. So I try to develop my best qualities.

*Look at yourself. You can be only yourself. It is impossible for you to become someone else. You can enjoy life and blossom or you can wither if you do not accept yourself.*

***Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes.***

**EPHESIANS 1: 4**



# Easter Story

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