

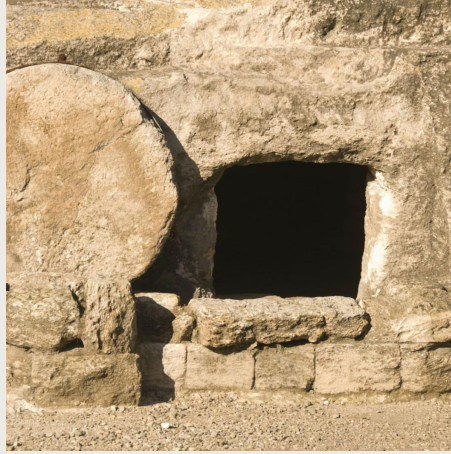
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This Week's Bible Verse

1 Corinthians 15:12-19

¹² But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. ¹⁵ More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. ¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

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Expect The Unexpected

This past Sunday, we took a break from The Chosen and celebrated Resurrection Sunday by going back 2000 years ago to see that without Jesus' Resurrection, the Christian Church may well have never been. We said that nobody expected Jesus to actually be Resurrected, not even the Disciples.

We said that you could say that this day is about FAITH. We looked in **Hebrews 11:1** to see that faith is confidence in what we HOPE for... We looked at hope and said it can be defined as "a positive expectation of something good happening". We said that one of the products of our faith in God is to always have hope or a positive expectation.

To get a better idea what happened 2000 years ago, we put ourselves alongside the Disciples and imagined that we were there with Jesus. For the past few years, we have spent literally all of our time with Jesus, following Him, hearing Him teach and experiencing first hand many unexpected moments and many miracles.

We then took a look at a few of the miracles and imagined we were there. We started in **Mark 4:35-40** where Jesus taught that if they had true faith in the outcome, they could be at peace no matter what happened along the way instead of being in fear. Jesus even slept during the storm in total peace with the faith they would reach their destination while the Disciples panicked expecting they were all going to all die.

We then looked at when Jesus "Feeds the Five Thousand" in **John 6:5-13** where Jesus taught to have faith and believe without any doubt that God will provide by simply giving thanks for the food as if it was already done and it was done.

The Disciples' dependence on their own senses and worldly expectations concluded that there was no way they could possibly feed so many. Jesus' faith that God would provide left no room for doubt.

Finally, we looked at **John 11:1-44** where Jesus teaches that nothing is impossible with God and all you have to do is have faith and truly believe without putting worldly limits and expectations on the power of God and you will **see God's glory** as Lazarus was brought back from the dead.

Through miracle after miracle, Jesus was preparing the Disciples for His last days. He even tells them step by step exactly what will happen when they arrive in Jerusalem (**Matthew 20:17-19**) including that on the third day he will be raised to life, yet when the time comes they were still unprepared. They still did not expect what happened and certainly didn't expect He would be raised to life as He said.

When Jesus died on the cross and was placed in the tomb, the Disciples all expected that it was all over and Jesus was gone. Nobody expected

the Resurrection and they were so busy being afraid about what would happen to them as Jesus' followers that they definitely were no longer thinking of spreading Jesus' message or building His Church.

On the first day of the week when they found the tomb empty, since they expected Jesus to be dead, their natural assumption was that somebody had stolen His body (**John 20**). Based on their worldly expectations, this is what made the most sense.

Even when Mary sees Jesus alive and actually talks with Him she doesn't even realize that it is Jesus because her expectation is that He is dead so it could not possibly be Jesus. He must be the gardener (Based on their worldly expectations, that's what would make the most sense)

We said that this is important because it shows us that our expectations can sometimes blind us from the truth even when it is literally standing right in front of us. When we don't **expect the miracles** and the goodness of God in our lives, we will not see or experience them even though they are all around us and sometimes even right in front of us.

Of course, Jesus is able to finally convince them all that He was indeed raised from the dead just as He said He would be. Even Thomas finally believed but only after actually seeing, and touching, Jesus' wounds.

Jesus tells them to now, "**Stop doubting and believe**" [**John 20:27**]

Jesus blessed all of us who have **NOT** seen yet still believe by our faith.

We said that through the power of the Gospel and with the Holy Spirit, we can all have the very same faith as Jesus had, live in the same peace and have the same authority as Jesus did while on Earth and **we should always Expect the Unexpected with God.**

Upcoming Events

First Friday Movie Night

Join us at LWA on May 6th, at 6:30pm
for 1 Youth Movie Night!



The movie will be the 2021 drama,
"God's Not Dead - We The People".
For youth, grades 7-12, friends and families.
Rated PG

The Rev. Dave Hill defends a group of Christian home-schooling families after they receive an impromptu inspection from a progressive, local government official who doesn't like what she finds. Taken aback by her interference, Dave travels to Washington, D.C., to testify in a landmark congressional hearing that will determine the future of religious freedom in our country for years to come.

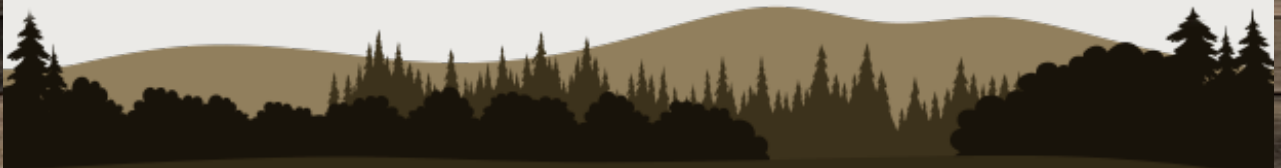
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First Friday Summer Movie Night Series

The Chosen Season 1

Join us on the first Friday of each month through the Summer at 6:30pm on **June 3rd, July 1st, August 5th, and September 2nd**. We'll be showing two episodes each night to complete the whole series over the summer!



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