

PASTOR'S PATCH

On Easter Sunday, we shared readings from the events of Holy Week (go to YouTube or our church website to view the whole sermon). Many people requested that the questions posed then could be shared again in writing. So here they are, as we wonder about the implications of these events for us.....

Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened. (Luke chapter 24 verse 12)

I wonder...

- *when we fail to pray, we rob God of what He longs for. When did we last rob God?*
- *do we hang on every word of Jesus, or do we get distracted by other things?*
- *are we willing to do something beautiful or even costly for Jesus?*
- *Judas failed Jesus but how have we failed Jesus even this week?*
- *are we willing to wash the feet of others, that is, serve them in humility?*
- *do we think we need forgiveness of sins, or do we think others more guilty than ourselves?*
- *are we spiritually asleep like the disciples in Gethsemane or committed to watch and pray to avoid temptation*
- *does fear make us sometimes lash out or run away instead of accepting God's will?*
- *when people misunderstand or misrepresent Jesus (as they did before the High Priests) do we speak out and admit to being followers of Jesus? Who do we know who is resistant to faith?*
- *Pilate washed his hands to claim innocence; do we do similar things?*
- *the Roman soldiers mocked and beat Jesus, but do any of our actions do violence to Jesus?*
- *Jesus placed himself among the guilty. Why do you think he would do that?*
- *Jesus spoke to Mary and John from the cross; when you look at others in this church, do you see them as people or family?*
- *the temple curtain kept people out of God's presence; what things still do that and how can we make Jesus more accessible?*
- *in midst of suffering and humbling, the Roman centurion saw Jesus as the Son of God; do we?*
- *Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus and gave up his own unused tomb to inter it; do we demonstrate that same boldness and generosity - and to whom ?*
- *Do we still believe Jesus works miracles even today? In what ways?*

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