

The Jesus Way

The Jesus Way: The Way Maker

April 11th & 12th

Speaker: Dr. Mark Batterson

Scripture: Matthew 27:45,50-54; 28:1-6

Series Overview

Our church has been coming together this Lent to practice the Jesus way. Each week, we've learned a new element of the way of Jesus together during weekend services and set aside time, both collectively and as individuals, to respond to and dive deeper into who Jesus is and who we are in Him. A devotional guide is available at ncc.re/TheWay six days per week with Scripture readings, devotional thoughts, and spiritual practices centered around the Jesus way.

Series Discussion Question

What stood out to you about this week's way of Jesus?
What does it look like to put that into practice?

Message Overview

Like the disciples two thousand years ago, we find ourselves sheltered-in-place this Easter. Fear is in the air. Uncertainty is everywhere. The good news? The tomb is still empty! When Jesus walked out of the tomb, death was no longer undefeated. When it seems like all is lost, we go back to the empty tomb. That is where our faith is found. That is where our hope is anchored.

Message-Specific Discussion Questions

What are your favorite Easter memories or traditions? How did you adapt your Easter celebrations this year?

We are in a Hebrews 12:47 moment. What do you do when you find yourself on shaky ground? In this season, what are some of the things that have been removed in the shaking? What has remained?

Is there a particular name of God you are clinging to these days?

How are you testifying and living out God WITH us, God FOR us, and God IN us this season?

What did Jesus' words, "It is finished" mean in Greek? Have you fully embraced Jesus' payment for each and every one of your sins? What does it look like when we hold on to past regrets? What does that do to our relationship with God?

In this season, what area of your life can you choose to not fear because the One who overcame the world has also overcome the world?

Practical Application

- Join Pastor Mark and the church for a 40-Day Prayer Challenge beginning Sunday, April 12th. Sign up at ncc.re/pray.
- Spend time in gratitude this week. Send a note, email, or text to someone you are thankful for in your life: a family member, friend, teacher, emergency personnel, first-responder, etc.
- Let's do a heart check! Where are you at mentally, emotionally, and spiritually today? Is there any persistent fear or anxiety that is keeping you from fully resting in God's promises?
- Are there any seeds of doubt that rose up when listening to the message? Bring them into the light and ask Jesus to illuminate the barriers to you fully placing your faith in His perfect love that casts out all fear. Ask for a supernatural faith to overcome those doubts, place them at the foot of the cross, and declare Jesus as the Way Maker over your life.