

Our **mission** is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our **vision** is to lovingly give every person in our community the opportunity to believe in and follow Jesus for life.



Holy Week 2022 – Saturday, April 16 – Daily Devotional

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Verse of the Day

Matthew 27:57-66

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away.

Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb. The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, "Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has been raised from the dead,' and the last deception would be worse than the first." Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can." So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

From Pastor Steve...

It's Saturday of Holy Week. It's quiet. It's sad. It takes us inward to our thoughts of grief and pain. For the disciples - the women and men who had been following Jesus for 3 years - it was a day of bewilderment and anger, mixed with profound devastation.

In Matthew's gospel, the religious leaders went to Pilate to make sure the tomb was guarded so that no one could claim Jesus was not dead or try to steal his body from the tomb. That begs the question: do you truly believe that Jesus was dead? Have you put up a wall of doubt because it's too painful? Or because you don't think you need the sacrifice of Jesus?

This Holy Saturday, prepare for the resurrection. It's coming! Never forget the reason why Jesus had to die and then be raised to new life. Resurrection power! Victory over sin and death. Be quiet today and then raise your voice with the angels in praise for Jesus Christ, our Lord!