

Let's listen to the many voices of Easter

History is chalked full of people taking wrong turns. Each of us could fill pages in a book!

There are examples of athletes running the wrong way on the game field. There are stories of pilots flying the wrong direction.

What about biblical accounts of Jonah and Demas taking some wrong turns?

There are even accounts of soldiers taking the wrong turn and ending up in terrible predicaments.

Not all wrong turns end up in disaster. Some just make for a good laugh, and relief that the experience is over with. Perhaps though, you are a prisoner of a wrong turn (POWT).

As we approach Easter weekend, know that Easter is about reversing the irreversible.

It is about the hope of wrong turns not becoming final destinations.



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• moments from calvary

This is what I know, there are past, present, and there will be future voices proclaiming this is how Easter changed my life.

In Acts 2:14-41 the events of the cross are about two months old now, and guess who has the microphone? Peter, the guy who said he wouldn't deny Christ before his crucifixion, but did. And then he went back to his old trade after the cross. Jesus' last words to him were a rebuke (Matt 26:52).

Peter preaches the first resurrection message. I wish I could have him as a special speaker this

weekend! Peter preaches a four point message.

First point is on the life of Christ. He talks about how Jesus was accredited

by God to the people of the day by miracles, wonders, and signs.

God still does miracles. I believe it, I have seen them, and will continue to hold to that truth of Scripture. I may not understand timing stuff, or all the details of a miraculous sign, but I am not going to reject it or be afraid of it because I don't understand it.

Second point is about the death of Christ. There are over a hundred prophecies throughout Scripture pertaining to this, and all of them fulfilled by Christ.

Peter moves onto the Resurrec-

tion of Christ. The resurrection is about reversing the irreversible. The resurrection is the climax of redemptive history.

It is the crowning proof that God accepted the sacrifice of Christ. Without the resurrection Jesus' death becomes one of the following: The heroic death of a noble martyr, a pathetic death of a madman, or an execution of a fraud.

The last point in this first resurrection sermon was about the exultation of Christ.

The result of this first message preached. Three thousand souls saved. That would be about 60 percent of our community responding positively to this good news!

Here is what I know. The Christian faith isn't found on philosophy or theology.

It is not a bunch of rules and regulations. It isn't even doctrines

or creeds. It is founded on the factual historical event called the resurrection.

The challenge for many is to move past the resurrection being something a person celebrates once a year to it becoming the thing that totally revolutionizes your outlook on life day in and day out.

It is the resurrection that separates the Christian faith from others. You can go to the tombs of the founder of the well known religions of the world and you could see their bones.

I am not trying to be rude or insensitive. It is just that while others may have said, "I know a way," or "I know some truth," or "Here is a way you can live." Jesus said, "I am the way, I am the truth, and I am the life." You can't find any bones in Jesus' tomb. Why? He isn't there!

Here is the good news of the resur-

rection. Because of the resurrection, all bets are off. The resurrection totally redefines what is and what is not possible! For those that would believe, the best is yet to come.

Take some time to answer the question Jesus asked in John 11:25 when he said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

I want to personally invite you to our Easter celebration this weekend if you don't have a church home. If you have a church home have a great service, because He is risen!

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Planning helps in mental emergency

When someone is experiencing a medical emergency such as a heart attack or stroke, family and friends would not hesitate to call 911 for help.



high plains mental health

• plain sense

In those situations, the physical signs are readily apparent that something needs to be done quickly. In the field of mental illness, emergency situations are also very common but are not always easy to recognize, nor are most people trained in how to respond. A psychiatric emergency can take many forms.

Often a person's symptoms intensify such as an increase in depression, anxiety or hallucinations. They may display a sudden or erratic change in their behavior or personality. Some individuals lose the ability to take care of themselves and fail to meet their daily needs.

When a psychiatric emergency occurs, there can be a fair amount of confusion for those involved. If the person in crisis recognizes the need for help and seeks it willingly, most psychiatric emergencies can be quickly addressed. However, because of the nature of some mental illnesses, there are times when the person does not recognize or accept that they need help quickly.

In addition, family and friends can be confused about how to react, or not even sure that they should respond. There is also a hesitation on the part of the larger community to become involved in a private or family matter, or that they might make the situation worse.

When there is concern for the personal well-being of someone with a mental illness, the extended family should be notified. If the person refuses help or treatment, then a spouse, parents or other responsible family members can file a mental illness petition through the local county attorney, with the result that the person can be hospitalized for psychiatric treatment. To accomplish this, it helps for those involved

to have current information about the person's changing behaviors, and to know the reasons why others are concerned. If the situation is potentially dangerous to the person in crisis or to anyone else, law enforcement should be contacted immediately. Law enforcement officers are trained and responsible for bringing the person in crisis to the attention of the mental health system, and can do so in the safest way possible during an emergency.

Just as help is available with a call to 911, there is also help available for psychiatric emergencies. If you have concerns, contact your local physician, hospital or mental health center for assistance.

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Pastor: Rev. Kasey Crosby
Saturday: Worship: 5:30 p.m.
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109 Willow Road • 899-6400
Pastor: Chad DeJong
Sunday: Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
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Wednesday: AWANA (Winter) and prayer: 7 p.m.

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Pastor: Travis Blake
Bateman's Funeral Home, 211 E. 11th
890-3450
Sunday: Sunday School for all ages: 9:30 a.m. (Child care provided)
Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.
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Holy Eucharist: 10:00 a.m. Sunday
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