

The Answer Is Easter

SERIES: JESUS MAKES HEADLINES – Part 2 EASTER

1 Peter 2:21 “God has called you to endure suffering because Christ suffered for you. He also left you an example so that you could follow in his footsteps.”

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Hebrews 4:15 This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses since he had the same temptations we do, though he never once gave way to them and sinned.

Hebrews 2:18 “Since Jesus went through suffering and temptation, he knows what it’s like when we suffer and are tempted and he is able to help us.”

1. Reach out to FRIENDS.

Matthew 26:36-39 “Jesus took his disciples with him to Gethsemane and said ‘Stay here with me while I pray.’ Then he took Peter, James, and John a little further. He was filled with anguish and deep distress, and he said to them, ‘My heart is so overwhelmed and crushed with sorrow that I feel like I’m dying. Just sit here and watch with me.’ Then Jesus took a few more steps, fell to the ground and prayed...”

Galatians 6:2 “Carry each other’s burdens and in this way you fulfill the law of Christ.”

2. Reach out to GOD.

Mark 14:35-36a “Jesus fell face down on the ground and prayed that if possible, he would not have to suffer the pain ahead of him. He prayed ‘Abba! Father!’”

I know YOU CAN DO ANYTHING.

I don’t want THIS PAIN.

I want YOUR WILL NOT MINE.

Matthew 26:31 “That very night Jesus told them, ‘Before the night’s over you’re going to fall to pieces because of what happens to me.’”

Matthew 26:31 (TLB) Then Jesus said to them, "Tonight you will all desert me. For it is written in the Scriptures that God will smite the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.

Matthew 26:56b "At that point all the disciples abandoned Jesus and ran away."

You need to REMEMBER the promises of God.

John 16:16 & 20-22 "Jesus said 'Here's what's going to happen soon I'll be gone and you'll be without me. But after a while you'll see me again You will weep and you will mourn and you will grieve. But your grief will eventually turn into joy. It will be like a woman going through labor pains. When her child is finally born her anguish turns to joy because the new life wipes out the memory of the pain. In the same way you'll go through sorrow now but I'll be back, and you will rejoice. And no one will be able to rob you of that joy.'"

Isaiah 61:3 "To all who mourn in Zion, I will give beauty for ashes, joy instead of mourning, and praise instead of despair."

Isaiah 43:2-3 "When you go through deep waters and great trouble, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown! When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up—the flames will not consume you! For I am the Lord, your God and Savior!"

You rely on the POWER of JESUS.

John 11:25-26 "Jesus said, 'I AM the resurrection and the life! Whoever believes in me, even though they die, will live again. I give them eternal life for believing in me and they will never perish!'"

Ephesians 1:19-20 (TLB) "I pray that you will begin to understand how incredibly great his power is to help those who believe him. It is that same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead."

Philippians 3:10 (NIV) "I want to know Christ the power of his resurrection... the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death"

Romans 10:9 "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."