

A Week Like None Other, Written For You

Well, here we are. We stand on the precipice of another week. For some, it will be a week of Spring Break from school. For others, it may include a normal work week or time to catch up on yard work or golf as the weather warms. But the week that will begin on Palm Sunday is like none other. Holy Week is the week that changed the world forever.

One of my goals in life is to read the '100 Greatest Classic Books of All-time,' although I'm not really sure who gets to decide which ones are the greatest, and which ones miss the cut. Since most of the classes I took were in the areas of math, science, music, and education, I only read a few of these classic books in high school and college. I figure that if I can chip away at two or three of them each year, eventually I will be able to check that off my list someday.

Like any great story, there are highs and lows built into the story of Holy Week. There are protagonists and antagonists. There is betrayal and sacrificial love. But this isn't just any story, even the great ones. This story was written for you. No, I don't mean it was written for you to purchase at a store, or to read for your own enjoyment and then put back on the shelf, like the great classics. What I mean is that this story was literally written FOR YOU. When the story was written, YOU were in the mind of the One who authored it. As the Father sent His only Son, He had YOU in mind. As the Son laid down his life as a dying sacrifice, he had YOU in mind. As Holy Spirit guided Jesus through the most difficult days of his life, YOU were in mind.

So, as we enter into this, the holiest of weeks in the life of the Church, I invite you to enter into the story with this overwhelming and humbling perspective. That you not only read it and hear it. But, that you receive it and digest it as the great gift that it was meant to be. After all, it was written FOR YOU.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor David

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