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The Silence of Saturday

by
Max Lucado

Jesus is silent on Saturday. The women have anointed his body and placed it in Joseph's tomb. The body of Christ is as mute as the stone which guards it. He spoke much on Friday. He will liberate the slaves of death on Sunday. But on Saturday, Jesus is silent.

So is God. He made himself heard on Friday. He tore the curtains of the temple, opened the graves of the dead, rocked the earth, blocked the sun of the sky, and sacrificed the Son of Heaven. Earth heard much of God on Friday.

Nothing on Saturday. Jesus is silent. God is silent. Saturday is silent.

Easter weekend discussions tend to skip Saturday. Friday and Sunday get the press. The crucifixion and resurrection command our thoughts. But don't ignore Saturday. You have them, too. Silent Saturdays. The day between the struggle and the solution; the question and the answer; the offered prayer and the response.

Saturday's silence torments us. Is God angry? Did I disappoint him? God knows Jesus is in the tomb, why doesn't He do something? Why doesn't He act? What are you supposed to do until He does?

You do what Jesus did. Stay silent. Trust God. Jesus died with this conviction: "You will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay" (Acts 2:27 NIV).

Jesus knew God would not leave him alone in the grave. You need to know, God will not leave you alone with your struggles. His silence is not his absence. Saturdays have their purpose. They let us feel the full force of God's strength. Had God raised Jesus fifteen minutes after the death of His son, would we have appreciated the act? Were He to solve your problems the second they appear, would you appreciate His strength?

For His reasons, God inserts a Saturday between our Fridays and Sundays. If today is one for you, be patient.

As one who endured the silent Saturday wrote: "*Be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord*" (James 5:7 NKJV).

EASTER HOLY WEEK TIMELINE

Palm Sunday - Jesus enters Jerusalem and is welcomed by the crowds waving palm branches.

Holy Monday – Jesus enters the temple and clears out the corrupted money changers.

Holy Tuesday – Jesus evades ambush, gives Olivet discourse (prophecy of the destruction of Jerusalem & end times).

Spy Wednesday – Jesus and the disciples rest in Bethany. Judas agrees to betray Jesus.

Maundy Thursday – The Last Supper (Passover) is observed, Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, and is betrayed by Judas and arrested.

Good Friday – Jesus is trialed, mocked, beaten, and crucified. His body is taken down from the cross and placed in the tomb.

Black Saturday – Jesus' body lays in the tomb and is treated for burial.

Resurrection Sunday – The discovery of the empty tomb and multiple eyewitness accounts of Jesus having resurrected.

Clerk's Corner:

- There are new membership classes being held March 30th & April 6th.
- There will be a Maundy Thursday Dinner April 17th at 5:00 p.m. with a service to follow.
- The office computer has been upgraded.
- There will be an Easter Egg Hunt & Pizza lunch on April 13th.
- A Worship Night is planned for Saturday, April 26th at 6:30 p.m.
- On motion, the Elders voted to switch from PC(USA) to ECO. All Elders were in favor.

-Connie Jewell, Clerk

Treasurer's Report: February 2025

Beginning Balance 2-1-2025	\$ 8,274.85
Receipts: \$3,029.00	
Beginning Balance Plus Receipts	\$11,303.85
Less Expenses	\$ 6,053.47
Balance 2-28-2025	\$ 5,250.38

Balance Includes:

Trustees Endowment	\$ 823.62
Missions Endowment	\$ 465.14
90 th Birthday Fund	\$ 807.74
Deacons Fund	\$ 1245.68

Missions:

Designated:

Local	\$ 200.00
Saunders	\$ 160.00
Schall	\$ 160.00
Grove City Food Pantry	\$ 40.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 160.00

Available Undesignated Funds

For General Use 2-28-2025	<u>\$ 1,188.20</u>
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-Joan Coulter, Treasurer

Hop on over for our **EASTER EGG HUNT** following the Palm Sunday service April 13th at 11 a.m. for some egg-citing fun! There is a sign-up sheet on the round table.



There will be a pizza party after the egg hunt!

Let us know if you plan to attend!

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Mission Focus:

The Mission Focus for April is the **Ebenezer Church Children's Ministry**. The spiritual growth of our children happens through Bible lessons as well as fun events, providing them a solid Christian foundation as they grow.

APRIL 2025

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
				1		2		3		4		5	
						Endowment Committee Meeting 1:00 p.m.						Women's Worship Workouts 9:00 a.m.	
6		7		8		9		10		11		12	
Joe Locktosh New Member Class												Women's Worship Workouts 9:00 a.m.	
13		14		15		16		17		18		19	
		SESSION MEETING 5:00 p.m.		Bill & Shirley Jenkins		Scott & Mandi Duncan		Maundy Thursday Potluck Dinner 5:00 p.m. and Service		GOOD FRIDAY 			
20		21		22		23		24		25		26	
Allysa Duncan Coffee & Conversation 10:00 a.m.		Pat Bicehouse										WORSHIP NIGHT 6:30 p.m.	
EASTER SUNDAY													
27		28		29		30							
		Andrew & Lisa Staph								Birthdays: 6 – Joe Locktosh 20 – Allysa Duncan 21 – Pat Bicehouse		Anniversaries: 15 – Bill & Shirley Jenkins 16 – Scott & Mandi Duncan 28 – Andrew & Lisa Staph	

"The resurrection gives my life meaning and direction and the opportunity to start over no matter what my circumstances. -Robert Flatt

Coming up in April:

April 2 – Endowment Committee Meeting – 1:00 p.m.

April 5 & 12- Women’s Worship Workouts –at 9:00 a.m.

April 13 – Easter Egg Hunt and Pizza Party after worship

April 14 – Session Meeting at 5:00 p.m.

April 17 – Maundy Thursday Potluck Dinner and Service, starting at 5:00 p.m.

April 20 – ‘Coffee & Conversation’ - 10:00 a.m. before Worship

April 26 – Worship Night – 6:30 p.m.



Looking Ahead:

May 4 – Taco Bar and Bingo – more info soon

June – Vacation Bible School – more info soon

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JESUS IS WATCHING YOU!



A burglar breaks into a house. He starts shining his light around looking for valuables. Some nice things catch his eye, and as he reaches for them, he hears, “Jesus is watching you!” Startled, the burglar looks around for the voice. Seeing no one, he keeps putting things in his bag. Again, he hears, “Jesus is watching you!” This time, when he looks around, he sees a parrot.

“Who are you?” the burglar asks.

“I’m Moses,” the bird replies.

“Who would name a bird Moses?”, the burglar laughs.

“I dunno, “ Moses replied. “I guess the same people who would name their Rottweiler Jesus.”