

Part 4: Come and See Easter Weekend • April 15 & 16, 2017 Grant Fishbook, Lead Teaching Pastor

## The Moments That Matter

### A moment of birth

She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." - Matthew 1:21

### A moment of life

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich. – 2 Corinthians 8:9

#### A moment of truth

Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin." – John 8:10-11

### A moment of confusion

And he said, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life." – Luke 9:22

#### A moment of surrender

"Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." - Luke 22:42

#### A moment of exchange

"He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sin sand live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." - 1 Peter 2:24

## A moment of forgiveness

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." – Luke 23:34

#### A moment of death

Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last. – Luke 23:46

## A moment of hopelessness

Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away. – Matthew 27:59-60

## A moment of resurrection

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. – Matthew 28:1-6

# A moment of invitation

Come and see...

# A moment of salvation

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. – Romans 10:9-10

# Next Steps

If you've sensed God reaching out to you today, the simplest next step you can take is to come back to church next Saturday or Sunday for Next Steps Weekend. We'll end every service early and give you a chance to find out more about baptism, small groups, and Alpha – a practical introduction to Christianity. Just show up, and we'll take care of the rest! Services are Saturday at 6:00 PM, and Sunday at 9:30 & 11:15 AM.

# **Small Group Questions**

- 1) What do you see when you look in the mirror? Beauty? Flaws? Stories?
- 2) What has been the most positive defining moment in your life so far? What about a negative defining moment? How do you believe God views those moments?
- 3) Read all the scriptures in the outline. Does one of them speak to you right now? Why?
- 4) Jesus has done so much for us. Is there something you long for him to do again in your, your family, or someone you care about?
- 5) How can we pray for you right now and throughout the week?