EASTER Sunday **04-04-21**

Today's Scripture Matthew 16:21-28

Temporary Eclipse

Did you know that when Jesus died on the cross, all went dark for three hours? (from Noon till 3pm) *Mt. 27:45 Mk. 15:33 Lk 22:44*

Definition: Eclipse [ih-klips] an obstruction of _____.

We, like the disciples, have times in our lives when ***dark moments*** _____ the promising truths we've heard and know.

To His Followers: **Matt. 16:21** *[Mark 8:31, Luke 9:22]*

To His Opponents:

"Sir," they said, "we remember that while he was still alive that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise again.' *Matt. 27:63*

His Followers Early Easter Morning:

but we had hoped that He was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. *Luke 24:21*

What We NEED to KNOW …

God *G*_____ us Truths ahead of time.

Reasons we Resist: **Matt. 16:22-23**

- It will never happen to me.
- It's not within our mindset.
- We underestimate the _____ of the moment.

Peter replied, "Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will." "Truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times." But Peter declared, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the other disciples said the same. *Matt. 26:33-35*

What We NEED to KNOW …

God *G*_____ before us in everything.

God never allows us to experience, until He does

- Jesus faced death *Psalm 22:1*
- God has rebellious children *Psalm 78:56*
- God feels cheated on *(unfaithful partner) James 4:4*

Fact: We all begin or began in the Dark.

In him (Jesus) was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ~ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. *John 1:4-5 & 9*

This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. *John 3:19-20*

Easter Sunday: The Angels' Question

… "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: *Luke 24:5-6*

What We NEED to DO …

Walk in the Light, *G*_____ in Truth.

… Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." *John 8:31-32*

Optional Reading: Two Different Choices *pick one*

7 EASTER Readings ***Matt.*** 28 ***Mark*** 16 ***Luke*** 24 ***John*** 20-21 ***Acts*** 1 ***1 Corinthians*** 15

OR

14 Psalms of Hope ***Psalm*** 16, 31, 34, 40, 46, 66, 68, 71, 91, 103, 138—139, 145—147