



21st April 2019

THE Passionate Pursuit

Well here we are, drawing to the end of Holy Week. Beginning from the crowd's perspective with the triumphant entry into Jerusalem, and now we find ourselves sharing Jesus final meal and contemplating the cross.

This whole week is a week of tension for me, not just with all the planning, hoping, organizing, preparing and more hoping that goes in to a local church's Easter celebrations, but also with the apparent opposites at play.

Celebration and despair, welcome and betrayal, rejection and embrace, fear and love, life and death.

This I believe, is not some kind of Ying and Yang, opposites balancing out kind of week however. This week sees not the competing of such realities, but the embracing and overcoming of them. We do not want to brush past the starkness and horror of Good Friday, and neither must we stay transfixed on Jesus on the cross.

The cross is empty and so is the grave, that we, and indeed all of creation might be full again of life.

Grace, peace, rest and hope this Easter, Pete

I was struck this week by Jesus' prayer in John 17. The cross was not His defeat but His glory!

*"Father, the hour has come. **Glorify Your Son**, that Your Son may also glorify You. ²As You have given Him authority over all flesh, He will give eternal life to all whom You have given Him. ³**This is eternal life: that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent.** ⁴I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work You have given Me to do. ⁵**And now, O Father, glorify Me in Your own presence with the glory which I had with You before the world existed.**"*

John 17:1-5

Blessings, Henry

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EASTER @ Playford UC

THE Passionate Pursuit

19th April @ 9.30am

Good Friday Service

Followed by Hot Cross Buns, BYO Picnic & Kids Games in the Park

21st April @ 10am

Resurrection Sunday Service

Coffee & Hot Cross Buns

Served @ 9.30 before the service

Followed by

Easter Morning Tea

After the service

UPCOMING SERVICES

Friday 19th April: Henry Rouse

Good Friday - THE Passionate Pursuit

Sunday 21st April: Pete Riggs

Resurrection Sunday - THE Passionate Pursuit

Sunday 28th April: Pete Riggs

Passionately Pursue the Kingdom

Matthew 13:1-23

Last Sundays' Message

By Peter Riggs

"Palm Sunday" or go to <http://playford.ucasa.org.au/podcasts/>

We acknowledge that the land we meet on is the traditional lands for the Kurna people.

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