

April 2 – Good Friday - Scripture: Luke 23: 26-49

Verses that speak to you: 40-43 and 47

Observation: My observation is the recognition that Jesus was no ordinary man. He was not a criminal. And this recognition was by a criminal who asked Jesus to remember him and by a centurion who called Jesus righteous. Jesus had a presence even as he was dying on the cross. People were drawn to Him before the crucifixion with His teachings and His miracles. But for me....it was His sacrifice.

Application: There is limited space to say all that I would like, but the limited space is only exceeded by my limited ability to articulate what is in my heart. I started my journey in June of 2000 when my dad died. My epiphany occurred 4 Nov. 2007. Communion Sunday. Pastor Jeff was giving the sermon. I never heard it. No reflection on Pastor Jeff. I can only listen to one person at a time and God was the loudest. I had stopped taking Communion. It didn't feel right. 4 Nov. was different. My eyes were riveted on the Communion table. I needed to take Communion. I needed to honor Jesus for His unbelievable sacrifice. My heart finally recognized this was no ordinary man. My heart finally recognized I needed Him in my life. I have questions, I have issues. But I finally have Hope. I am no longer afraid of death.

Prayer: Dear God, Thank you for coming into my life. I need to feel your arms around me. I need your guidance all the time. Most of all thank you for your sacrifice. My problems seem so small when I think about what you did....for me. In Your Name I pray. Amen

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