



Sermon Guide

Sermon: When Defeat was the Victorious Strategy
Text: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Prayer:

- Thanksgiving for our victorious Savior!
- For God to use our Easter season in ways we could not have imagined
- For Blue Ridge to continue to find ways to communicate Christ to our community

Sermon Questions and Application:

1. What is something from the passage or the sermon that God used to speak to you?
2. Having Easter during a stay-at-home pandemic presents unique challenges. Since we could not be with the church at large, how did you make this day special to commemorate the resurrection?
3. Imagine for a moment that Jesus died upon a cross, but that the Bible gave us no record of His resurrection. Explain how would that affect...
 - a. Our confidence in being saved
 - b. Our union with Jesus
 - c. Our heavenly existence
 - d. Our motivation for holy living
4. Now examine what God's word says is the impact of Jesus' resurrection regarding...
 - a. Our confidence (1 Cor. 15:13-14)
 - b. Our union with Jesus (1 Cor. 15:12-28)
 - c. Our heavenly existence (1 Cor. 15:50)
 - d. Our motivation for holy living (1 Cor. 15:58; 1 John 3:1-3)
5. As you think about the next time you get the chance to share the gospel with someone, how will you include the resurrection in that explanation? Prayerfully think it through and maybe even practice with someone.