

MOUNTAINS, VALLEYS and CAVES

sermon series

Sunday, April 3, 2022

Jesus delayed going to Bethany when He learned Lazarus was sick. Why? This confused Martha. She did not hesitate to share her opinion with Jesus (Luke 10:38-42). She was a hardcharging force with a dominant personality. She could also be wrong. Her sister Mary was far more tender-hearted. Both sisters had broken hearts. Where was Jesus when they needed Him most? His actions did not make sense. They were disappointed and hurt.

Asking questions is part of life. We have questions like this all day long— not only about Bible stories but concerning events in our lives. Our questions often go unanswered. We may never understand why certain things happen. Paul's quote is appropriate: *"For now, we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known"* (1 Corinthians 13:12). Lazarus coming out of the cave and back to life was unprecedented. Believe it or not, it was also the final straw for Jesus' opponents. He was too popular for them. Sadly, they preferred a funeral to a party.

Jesus delayed His trip to Bethany so people could grasp more about His identity. We also perceive His compassion. The shortest verse in the Bible packs a wallop: *"Jesus wept."* He came to redeem the sting of sin from us.



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APPLICATION:

Our theme this week is **perception**. Synonyms are insight, awareness, discernment, observation, sensitivity, assessment and experience.

When have you been disappointed in life only to have looked back later and realized that the experience was helpful in some way? Remember Jesus' words, *"I am the resurrection and the life."* That is who HE is. We have a response to make to Him: *"Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"* Have you put your faith in Him?



MESSAGE

John 11:38-44

Senior Pastor
Tom Harrison

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

JESUS ON MOUNT
OF OLIVES

APRIL 4

APRIL 5

APRIL 6

APRIL 7

APRIL 8

APRIL 9

Matthew 21:1-11

Psalms 25:8-10

Isaiah 66:1-2

Daniel 4:34-37

Philippians 2:1-11

1 Peter 5:1-11

WAYS TO GIVE:

Make checks payable to:

General Budget -
Asbury Church Reserve Trust

Designated Giving and Better Together -
Asbury Church

PREVIOUS WEEK'S GENERAL BUDGET GIVING

ASBURY CHURCH:

\$38,373

**ASBURY CHURCH
RESERVE TRUST:**

\$80,651

**TOTAL WEEKLY
BUDGETED NEEDS:**

\$164,042

SUNDAY MORNING



9:30 & 11 am



9:30 am

Asbury Students Center



Discipleship
Communities

8, 9:30 & 11 am

Check asburytulsa.org/communities for full listing

EVENTS Next Steps

TOM'S LAST NEWCOMER MEAL

June 26 | 12:15 pm

An introduction to our mission, sacraments and membership vows.

Register at asburytulsa.org/newcomermeal



SERMON JOURNAL AND INTERACTIVE GUIDE
asburytulsa.app/interactive

HOLY WEEK

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Communion Service

Thursday, April 14
7 pm | Sanctuary



GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 15
7 pm | Sanctuary



EASTER SERVICES

EASTER SUNDAY 8 / 9:30 / 11 AM





GRAD SUNDAY

MAY 1, 2022

High School seniors, please join us for a Graduation Celebration and Grad Luncheon in YOUR honor on Sunday, May 1. Registration is required at asburytulsa.org/gradsunday by April 24 for this special event.



ASBURY
2ND SATURDAY

April 9 | 8:15 am
North Entrance

Register at
asburytulsa.org/2ndSatisBack



EASTER SPRING FAIR

Saturday, April 16 | 10 am-12 pm

- Indoor fun, rain or shine
- Ages 0-3 Egg Hunt
- 4 years -5th grade Easter Putt Putt
- Candy, prizes, fun activities

FREE EVENT

For more information, contact Shanon Brown
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