

Sunday, March 17, 2019

Pastor's Pen

Announcements

John: That You May Believe

**John 20:1-10: That You May Believe In
The Resurrection!**

- I. **The Expectation- John 20:1-2**
- II. **The Examination- John 20:3-10**

*AGAPE BOXES ARE AVAILABLE
FOR YOUR TITHES, OFFERINGS
AND PRAYER REQUESTS. THANK
YOU!*

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE MISSIONARIES
WE SUPPORT:**

The Shepherds: – Novosibirsk, Russia
The Kvachenkos: – Republic of Abkhazia
Calvary New Life – Helotes, TX
The Bentleys – Durango, Mexico
The Velardes: – Guanajuato, Mexico
The Gallegos – Irapuato, Mexico

**BELOVED, HOW CAN WE EXPLAIN AWAY
THE EMPTY TOMB?**

For two thousand years people have been trying to explain away the empty tomb of Jesus Christ. One such theory is the swoon theory. This theory states that Jesus did not really die but rather that he had merely passed out and just seemed dead. Therefore, if Jesus did not die than He did not resurrect!

So, did Jesus really die? A young student asked her Bible teacher this question? "Did Jesus really die? Or was He passed out? The Bible teacher said, "If you had been beaten by members of the Sanhedrin, flogged 39 times with a "cat-o-nine tails," slapped and punched by a group of Roman soldiers, have a crown of thorns pressed onto your head, nailed to a cross through your wrists and feet and left there for hours, stabbed in the heart with a lance, wrapped in grave clothes, embalmed with a 100 pounds of aloes and laid in a tomb- don't you think that you would be dead?"

Beloved, we can never explain away the resurrection of Jesus Christ. As Job said in **Job 19:25-26**, "For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. ²⁶And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God." He is risen. He is risen indeed!

Blessings,
Pastor Joe

If you would like to be included in **Pastor Joe's weekly email devotion**, please send him your email address: marquezjoseph7@gmail.com
Also note whether you would like to be included in the Grace CC prayer chain.

Welcome to Grace! If you're a visitor or recent newcomer, please complete a registry card in the seat pocket in front of you and drop it in the Agape Box. We'd like to know you!

Children's ministry:
Thanks to all who helped over spring break to clean, paint and move furniture!!!

Women's Ministry: **Registration is now open for our Spring Gathering: FAITH Our journey. Fri. & Sat. May 3-4, 2019 Cost is \$50** which includes 3 meals and an overnight -slumber party on Friday (first come- first served). **If you have room at your home to host 3-4 women on Friday night, please contact Sheila or sign up at the info booth.**

Get your game on:
We're planning to play **flag football every last Sunday of the month at OP Schnabel Park @ 3:00pm**. Hopefully this will reduce some of those Turkey Bowl A.G.E. injuries in November! Come one – come all.

Bulletin announcements: Please submit requests for bulletin announcements to marquezjoseph7@gmail.com no later than 6pm on Wednesdays.

