

Resources for Easter available at RCC

As you plan for Holy Week remember to reserve your resources. Consider using “The Scriptures, The Cross and the Power of God” which is a collection of nine meditations, from renowned biblical scholar and Anglican Bishop Tom (N.T.) Wright. These meditations carry the week from its solemn beginnings to the dramatic conclusion on Good Friday and Easter.

“The Tender Days” by Richard Wilson, poems which are to be read over nine days from Psalm Sunday until Easter with two poems for Easter. The poems are based on a line or two from Matthew, Mark or Luke. “Mission: Easter” by Todd Outcalt also contains devotional programs for Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday.

We have several new books from CSS Publishing. “Bread for the Journey” by Rolf Svanoe, which starts at Ash Wednesday and continues through Holy Week and Easter, includes sermons and children’s sermons, worship ideas, and an original theme song. “Cry from the Cross”, (a series of seven sermons) explores each of the last seven statements given by Jesus as recorded in the gospels of Mark, Luke, and John. As each statement is explored, Robert Cornwall offers deeper insights into the meaning and significance of the cross. “Living in the Light” by Joe Barone, etc. is an anthology for Lent and Easter which includes 22 creative components such as monologues and skits, services, dialogues, dramas... requiring little to no staging and props..

The ever popular Nooma DVD series offers “You” by Rob Bell, which explores some of the central claims of the Christian faith, which are the source of many discussions and heated debates. Maybe some of our discussions would change significantly if we had more insight into the actual circumstances that surrounded the first people of the Christian movement – if we had a better understanding of the things they did in the context of the world they lived in.

"Prophecies of the Passion" is a look at the Messianic prophecies fulfilled during the final week of Christ’s life on earth. The Gospels clearly describe Jesus’ betrayal, arrest, death, and resurrection. These events were foretold by Hebrew prophets—in specific detail... centuries before they actually occurred. This DVD is an ideal companion to Mel Gibson’s The Passion of the Christ.

Among our valued older resources is the “Death and Resurrection of Jesus,” which is now available in both VHS and DVD. Marcus Borg shares his understanding of the death and resurrection of Jesus and their meaning to the early church in this faith-stretching series. Borg helps us make sense of the events surrounding Jesus’ death and resurrection that may have puzzled us.

We still carry many VHS items such as “The Last Supper,” “In the Footsteps of Jesus” series and the “Jesus File” series. The “Jesus File: The Last and First Days of Jesus.” investigates Jesus’ presence in and around Jerusalem during Passover: his allegedly seditious activities, his subsequent arrest in the garden of Gethsemane, his trial at the palace, and his execution by crucifixion. The remains of the shops of the money-changers and the great temple itself are also explored. With his death and burial, the “Jesus file” is closed, except for one loophole: his miraculous resurrection.

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