

The World After Easter: Mystery Revealed / Dream Coming True

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Welcome

- 1) In high school, which social group did you most identify with and why? Jocks? Super smart? Band geeks? Misfits? Nerds? Christians? Do-gooders? Some other group?
- 2) What did it feel like to belong to this group?

Word

Read Colossians 1:15-20

- 1) What do these verses say about Jesus?
- 2) What do we mean by these verses containing a “high Christology”?
- 3) What does it mean for Jesus to be the “first born from the dead”? (v. 18)

Read Colossians 1:21-23

- 1) Who was alienated and what were they alienated from? (Refer to Ephesians 2:11-19)
- 2) What is the hope found in the gospel? (v. 23)

Read Colossians 1:24-27

- 1) How does Paul respond to his suffering?
- 2) Why does Paul have to suffer? Didn't Jesus suffer enough for everyone?
- 3) The “hope of glory” is more than Christ living in each individual Christian. What is the fuller meaning of this mystery?
- 4) What does Jesus do for the fame and renown of the God of Israel? What does this reveal about God's plan?
- 5) How does the triumph of Christ come?

Work

- 1) How can you partner with God in his mission to bring reconciliation to the earth?
- 2) What steps can you take this week towards that end?

Worship

- 1) Psalm for the Day - Sun: 139 / Mon: 140 / Tue: 141 / Wed: 142 / Thur: 143 / Fri: 144 / Sat 145
- 2) Pray the Lord's prayer together
- 3) Pray for one another