

**EASTER IT IS FINISHED. HE IS RISEN.
THE LAMB OF GOD. AN EMPTY TOMB.
KING OF THE JEWS. ALIVE FOREVER.**

EASTER IS

FORGIVENESS

FRESH STARTS

NEW BEGINNINGS

DEBBIE PEREZ...



will be ordained to ministry on Sunday, April 23.
Please be with us for this high moment!



**GARAGE
SALE** 491 RIVER
BLUFF ROAD

MAY 5-6

to benefit orphanages in
Tupelo and Guatemala.
See Rod, Kenny, or Emma

JESUS REIGNS



MAY 20, 2023 @ 10:00 AM

A procession through the streets of Elgin.

GOD'S *Unpredictable* WAYS

Apr 02 » A Lowly King
Apr 09 » An Empty Tomb
Apr 16 » Down is Up
Apr 23 » Less is More
Apr 30 » Empty is Full

Prayer REQUESTS

▶ SALVATION

- Walter Miner III Gearen Family Tom M. Stein Family
 Ryan K. Tyler M. Mandy W. Dave. O

▶ HEALTH ISSUES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art B. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Bob A. Healing/Kidney |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Armando » Back Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Camilia S. » Cancer/Leg |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jean G. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Mike P. » Health Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Karla D. » Cancer Recovery | <input type="checkbox"/> Mickey N. » Stroke |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mandy W. » Cancer | <input type="checkbox"/> Robert G. » Health Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maggie B. » Chemotherapy | <input type="checkbox"/> Kevin K. » Health Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Merle » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Angela A. » Health Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carlos V. » Health Issues | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Angie & Family » Life Issues | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Samantha B. » Health Issues | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christine P. » Bone Cancer | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Howard P. » Cancer | |

METRICS THAT MATTER (04/02/23)

ATTENDANCE ▶ 29 GIVING ▶ \$5,546 GUESTS ▶ 0
 VOLUNTEERS ▶ 15 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ▶ 0

GOD'S UNPREDICTABLE WAYS ♦ An Empty Tomb

♦ God's Unpredictable Ways – His Birth

In Bethlehem, not Babylon.
To a carpenter not royalty.



This Savior would be king without an army.
He had not handlers to manage His image.



This Savior did not have a place to lay His head.
He became our leader of Truth in a world
set to believe a lie.

♦ God's Unpredictable Ways – His Life



This King associated himself with tax-collectors, thieves and a few women of poor reputations.

This King gathered his friends from the local fishermen and the like, telling them (and in turn telling us) that they would have to lose themselves in order to find themselves; that we would have to decrease in order to see the presence of God increase in our lives.

This King, life just kept squeezing him to the top.

He amazed the scholars at 12 years old, yet did no miracles until the age of thirty. His early ministry lasted just three years, having been judged, crucified and buried by the age of thirty-three.

His followers were scattered and all killed except one: John. In three years, this Savior, this life meant to save the world, was done. He did everything he needed to do about saving the world in 36 months.



THE FIRST Easter MORNING

Early Sunday morning, Mary Magdalene and several other women went to the tomb with the spices they had prepared. When they arrived, they found the tomb had been opened already. When they went in, they did not find Jesus' body, and they wondered what had happened.

Suddenly, two angels in dazzling white clothes were there. The women were terrified, but the angels said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; He has risen! Remember how He told you that He would be turned over to sinful men, be crucified, and rise again on the third day!"

● THE EMPTY TOMB...was God's doing.

The empty tomb was there—Jesus was not!
It was God's unpredictable way of **SHOWING VICTORY.**

● THE EMPTY TOMB speaks volumes.

IT PROCLAIMS PARDON FOR OUR SINS!
John: "The Lamb that takes away the sins of the world!"

● THE EMPTY TOMB says more.

IT DECLARES THAT GOD HAS ACCEPTED
the cross sacrifice! Paul: "We are justified by faith."

● THE EMPTY TOMB keeps on.

IT PROCLAIMS POWER FOR OUR STRUGGLES.
The empty tomb is the symbol of power!

● THE EMPTY TOMB goes on.

IT PROCLAIMS PEACE FOR OUR SORROWS.
Death has been tempered by hope.

— ♦ **JESUS...**
WHAT A SAVIOR...
UNPREDICTABLE DELIVERANCE!

