

Good Friday Service 2016

“From Forever”

Read John 19

1. When you read this, it causes you to ask/question, “Why/Why did this happen?”

* I think one way to answer that is ‘Forever’

* This year’s theme for our Good Friday Service and Easter is “Forever” from:

John 3:16 - For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

* Everlasting – as in forever

* Life – as in Gk/Zoe vs. Bios - to enjoy real life. to have true life and worthy of the name

* Came from the song we are going to sing after this devotion by Kari Jobe...

2. Reinforced last week reading Deut 31:14 thru 32

* Hit me again, He knew all this, He knew they would forsake Him, worship other gods...

* Yet, he desired to save them –

* Hit me that this has been His desire forever and will be His desire forever!

* How long has this been God’s desire for men? Forever – from before time began!

* **Forever** — for a limitless time! (Merriam-Webster)

- She was convinced that she would live *forever*

- I've been waiting *forever* for the doctor

* **Forever** means from Forever to Forever!

3. Like God & Jesus have and will be forever!

Genesis 1:1 - In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

John 1:1 – In/beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

God

1 Chronicles 16:36 (David)- Blessed be the LORD God of Israel From everlasting to everlasting! And all the people said, “Amen!” and praised the LORD.

Psalms 90:2 (Moses)- Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.

Isaiah 63:16 - Doubtless You are our Father, Though Abraham was ignorant of us, And Israel does not acknowledge us. You, O LORD, are our Father; Our Redeemer from Everlasting is Your name.

Jesus

Micah 5:2 - “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting.”

John 17:5 - And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was...

John 17:24 “Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.”

Hebrews 13:8 - Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Conclusion

1 Peter 1:20–21 - He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you **21** who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

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* Perish – Compound Greek word – Separate//to destruction (prolonged)forever

* Everlasting – Forever

* Life – Zoe! to enjoy real life. to have true life and worthy of the name