

week seven **7** //march 21 - march 26

“ ‘Do you love Me?’ The Rabbi in whom infinity dwells asks if we care about Him. The Jesus who died a bloody, God-forsaken death that we might live is asking if we love Him! The vulnerability of God in permitting Himself to be affected by our response, the heartbreak of Jesus as He wept over Jerusalem for not receiving Him, is utterly astounding. Christianity consists primarily not in what we do for God but in what God does for us - the great, wondrous things that God dreamed up and achieved for us in Christ Jesus. When God comes streaming into our lives in the power of His Word, all He asks is that we be stunned and surprised, let our mouths hang open, and begin to breathe deeply.”

Brennan Manning
From Abba's Child

monday//03.21.16

a.m. Isaiah 63:1-19 **p.m.** Mark 11:1-11
...the Triumph entry.

tuesday//03.22.16

a.m. Isaiah 64:1-12 **p.m.** Mark 14:1-9
...anointed for burial in Bethany.

wednesday//03.23.16

a.m. Isaiah 65:1-16 **p.m.** Mark 14:10-11
....betrayed.

thursday//03.24.16

a.m. Isaiah 65:17-25 **p.m.** Mark 14:12--15:15
...horrible events on Thursday.

GOOD FRIDAY//03.25.16

a.m. Isaiah 66:1-13 **p.m.** Mark 15:16-41
...the final conflict on Friday.

saturday//03.26.16

a.m. Isaiah 66:14-24 **p.m.** Mark 15:42-47
...dead and buried.

EASTER SUNDAY//

HOPE

And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
That thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

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No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th' eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Amazing love! How can it be
that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Charles Wesley

"And Can it be That I Should Gain"

From The New Church Hymnal

"Jesus's resurrection is the beginning of God's new project not to snatch people away from earth to heaven but to colonize earth with the life of heaven. That, after all, is what the Lord's Prayer is about."

N.T. Wright

From Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church