
Matthew 27:50 And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.

■ **The birth of greater dreams** ■

John 20:5 He (John) bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷ as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen.

■ *⁸ Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹ (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)* ■

John 20:19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, Peace be with you!²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Again Jesus said, Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

■ *Romans 8:28 (RSV) We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the first-born among many brethren. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.* ■

Shattered Dreams

Re-routing: God's Backroads to Joy —part 1

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■ **Route to Joy #1: Shattered dreams.** ■

What is Joy?

(1) Joy is not the same as h_____.

(2) Joy is not the same as p_____.

(3) It cannot be s_____.

■ (4) Joy is something that can only happen as a r_____ of ■
a central relationship with God.

Definition #1 of joy: C_____. The certainty of the promise of God's greatest d_____ being fulfilled in us.

The call to discipleship

■ *Matthew 4:21 Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²² and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.* ■

The cost of discipleship

■ *Luke 14:26 (RSV) If any one comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.* ■

²⁷ *Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me, cannot be my disciple.*

³³ So therefore, whoever of you does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

The birth of lesser dreams

Mark 10:33 We are going up to Jerusalem," he said, "and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles,³⁴ who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise."

Mark 10:35 **Then James and John**, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask."³⁶ What do you want me to do for you?" he asked. ³⁷ They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory."

³⁸ You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?"

The ignition of lesser dreams

Mark 11:7 When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! "Hosanna in the highest!"

Zechariah 9:11 As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit.

The death of dreams

John 19:25 Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother there, and **the disciple whom he loved** (this was John's way of referencing himself in this gospel) standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son,"

²⁷ and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

Matthew 27:41 In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. ⁴² He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! He's the King of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him.

⁴³ He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

⁴⁴ In the same way the robbers who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

Matthew 27:45 From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land.

⁴⁶ About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?"—which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
