

# BRADY LANE LEDGER

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## THE BIG THREE! Pray for our folks in the medical services!

Please continue to pray for our folks who work in the healthcare industry, and our folks who are deemed essential in other fields. This is a unknown and dangerous time. Pray for one another!

## Offerings

Can be mailed to the church office or taken care of online at [www.bradylanechurch.org](http://www.bradylanechurch.org). Thank you to those who have been faithfully giving!

## EASTER SUNDAY

This Sunday is Easter. We are going to have two presentations this Sunday as Jeff will video tape a Easter Sunrise Devotion that will begin appearing on YouTube at 7am. Then at 8:30am our Easter Worship services will begin airing on YouTube. We hope that you will tune in with us and continue to worship while we wait for this season to run it's course.

**SUNRISE DEVO** - 7am

**EASTER WORSHIP** - Beginning at 8:30am.



## Friday was Good but Sunday was Better!

Good Friday Morning! Today is the day that we normally recognize the sacrifice of Jesus together with three other Churches in the Lafayette area. We decided several weeks back that we would not be gathering together this year as all of our churches are navigating this stay at home thing. The elders and I had made the decision already that this was the last year we would be doing this gathering - and that in 2021 we would hold our own Easter weekday service. We haven't determined what night or type of service we will have but we are leaning toward having a Maundy Thursday Communion Service. More details to come on that next year.

So here we are, Good Friday, 2020. I covered a lot of the story of Good Friday this past Sunday in the sermon His Words - and I don't want to get into what happens on Sunday as I will be preaching both a Sunrise message at 7am and our normal sermon material will launch at 8:30am - so I will be giving you plenty of stuff on the Resurrection and God's Love.

In my Ledger article this week I want to focus on the paragraph that takes place in John 19 between Jesus death, and John 20 where we begin to talk about the resurrection. If you would, put this aside for a moment and **read John 19:38-42**. You might be wondering - why do we need to look at these five verses talking about the burial of Jesus? There really isn't anything significant in that is there?

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### Word from Elder Mark Sorensen

Our two oldest sons have military experience. After basic training, one son served his military duty stateside, while our oldest son served both stateside and overseas. Our oldest son recently returned from a six-month tour of duty in a hostile environment. Neither son has had to serve on the front lines of battle. And for this we are grateful.

Our youngest son has no military experience. He has read some books about past wars. Ironically, he is the son who is closer to the "front line" of battle fighting an enemy he cannot see. He works at the local grocery store. It may not be the heat of the battle like doctors and nurses and first responders, but who would have thought a part-time job would be deemed essential and possibly put one in danger's path?

Life gives us some unexpected experiences. Remember we serve a wonderful God who fully understands the unexpected. Some two thousand years ago some men wanted to silence Jesus of Nazareth. They crucified him on the cross, but what He did changed the course of history. He rose from the dead giving us new life. With Jesus, there is no unexpected. He is with us through the battle. Thank you, God!

What is significant about this text is three fold.

1. **Jesus was dead.** You don't put someone who is still alive in a tomb. One of the main arguments against the resurrection of Jesus is that he merely swooned at the cross...or passed out from excessive blood loss but didn't die (Don't know how they miss the spear in the side...).
2. **We see two early disciples from the Sanhedrin.** In John's Gospel is the only place that Nicodemus is with Joseph of Arimathea when they go to see Pilate to request Jesus' body. Not only that, but both men kicked in and sacrificed from their personal wealth to make this happen. The new garden tomb belonged to Joseph and Nicodemus sprung for the materials to bury Jesus. This is a big deal. We give the guys from the Sanhedrin a rough time - but lets be careful not to lump them all into one category. There were those like Nicodemus and Joseph and later there were many others who sought out and became disciples of Jesus.
3. **Jesus was buried like a king.** The materials bought by Nicodemus to bury Jesus in were not your run of the mill burial cloth and perfume. John tells us that he brought 75lbs of linens, spices, myrrh, and aloes. This was a very large amount, the amount that was used to bury kings in that time. This was a huge expense and rightly so for the King of Kings!

Good Friday derives its name from the glorious good act of Jesus sacrificing himself on the cross for all of us. I also like to look upon this small often overlooked paragraph in John's Gospel that shows us the good done by two men who were taking a big leap to take care of Jesus and honor him as a king. It was a day of suffering and pain...but it was also a day of redemption. While Friday was good...we will always know that Sunday was better! **Jesus is not in the tomb...HE IS RISEN!** Happy Easter...we will see you on Sunday - watch us on YouTube!

