



# PREP PARENT NEWS

March 2020

## Buildup to Easter

Beginning with February 23, there are eight Sundays until we're celebrating the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020. With that in mind, part of your child(ren)'s class will center on the following:

*First Sunday* - The story of **Adam** and **Eve** and the account of their sin found in Genesis 3. Why start here? Because understanding how sin impacted our world, and the people in it, will help us understand why Jesus had to come and die the death of crucifixion.

*Second Sunday* - The story of Cain and Abel reveals that evil is growing and having an impact that goes beyond Adam and Eve both in its reach and also in its intensity. The sin committed by Adam and Eve in the garden may seem small, but evil is now growing and it's growing rapidly.

*Third Sunday* - The story of Zacchaeus. Zacchaeus was a good example of the **"one sinner who repents."** Luke then drove the point home with Jesus' own words "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save the lost." People like Zacchaeus were the reason Jesus had come!

*Fourth Sunday* - The story of Mary anointing the feet of Jesus. This moving event took place just days before Jesus' crucifixion. Mary is a good example of someone who didn't fully understand what was happening around her in the life and ministry of

Jesus, but what she lacked in theological understanding, she made up for in simple devotion.

*Fifth Sunday* - The beautiful story of Jesus washing His disciples feet. Why this story? Because it demonstrates, perhaps more than any other, the spirit that would carry Jesus to the cross less than 24 hours later. Here, the night before He would submit Himself to the humility of the cross, Jesus would first submit Himself to the humility of service to those He came to save.

*Sixth Sunday* - The crucifixion of Jesus. By giving His life on the cross, Jesus carried the consequence of sin that we each deserve.

*Seventh Sunday* - The story of Palm Sunday. This is the day we celebrate Jesus' amazing entrance into Jerusalem. Jesus' time of sacrifice is approaching. He knows He will be crucified on Passover just days away.

*Eighth Sunday* - He is risen! Resurrection Sunday (Easter) is the day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead after being crucified on the prior Friday (Good Friday).

**Prayer** - Lord, may we live and walk each day in the awareness of your new creation and may we live in the power of your resurrection for the sake of others. May this Easter season remind us that we are called to self-sacrifice, not self-indulgence. - Amen

## **Announcements:**

Remember: Sunday school begins promptly at 9:15 a.m.! Please keep Noah Carter in your prayers as he continues to prepare to make his First Holy Communion.

Congratulations to the following children with perfect attendance for the month of February: Amir Graham; Kiya Outlaw; and Donovan Washington