

Community Church of Issaquah
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Our New Beginning

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The story of the last week in the earthly life of Jesus is at times so complex and I find myself year after year spending a great deal of time asking a myriad of questions about all the events that happened. There are just so many unanswered questions that keep me pondering about the details leading up to our celebration today for the Resurrection of Christ. From my early days as a teenager who had accepted Christ as Savior, my mind spins in wonder about so much of our faith that seems to have no explanation. Like most of you, my questioning draws me back to the Bible seeking simple answers that never seem to be there. Over and over, I ask the question, “What does all this mean?” My clergy friends would often jokingly say, “You’ll have to wait until you get to heaven to find those answers.” Trust me, I have a list a mile long that I’ll be taking with me when my time comes.

At Easter, I almost always come back to the one question that the anticipation of Lenten Season and the finale on Easter Day floods my mind. “Did God deliberately send His Son, Jesus, to earth knowing that he would be tortured and murdered? Or did God send Jesus in the hope that He would share the message of God’s love, believing people would follow those teachings and change the world?” Which one was it? What was God’s original plan?

Happy Easter