

The Story Doesn't End Here

I. Matthew's gospel is a not-so-short guide for the week we are entering; it gives a name to today's celebration: Passion Sunday. Passion has two meanings. It refers to the suffering of the Lord in the events of this week. Pain is certainly part of what was done to the Lord. They arrested, interrogated, tortured, abandoned and killed him. But it wasn't suffering for nothing; through it he brought us resurrection and redemption. Passion also means an intense, driving love and devotion for something or someone.

Concl. The Lord accepted his passion and death (suffering) to give *us* passion (an intense love) for living. Please, take time this week to walk with the Lord and enter into the passion of Christ. We start

again on Thursday, continue Friday and finish Saturday night and Sunday. In these days, we may find *our own* story of suffering, resurrection, redemption and faith in Christ.

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