

E-Series

Wednesday



Once again, I will turn my keyboard over to my friend, The Reverend Dr. James Howell, pastor of Myers Park UMC for his reflections on each day of this holiest of weeks.

After three days of intense activity, Wednesday dawns – and we frankly have no idea what happened that day. The chronology isn't entirely clear, and the little hints we find in each Gospel about what day it was when various events transpired are insufficient for us to be sure.

But I like the idea that, during those days when so much happened (about one-fourth of the entire Gospel story is devoted to a single week!), we come up empty on one of the days. Did Jesus simply chill with his friends in Bethany? Did he teach someplace, or heal someone, but nobody wrote it down? Did he visit two or three people privately? Surely a public person like Jesus had private relationships, perhaps with someone like Nicodemus or Joseph of Arimathea – or maybe he took a long walk with Peter or John. Could it be he simply withdrew from people and activity and prayed? Quite often the Gospels tell us “Jesus withdrew to a lonely place to pray” ([Luke 5:16](#), [Matthew 14:23](#)); if this was his habit, his sustenance, his greatest delight, wouldn't he have done so during Holy Week?

I also like the idea that Jesus is bigger than what we know. John's Gospel ends by saying “There are many other things which Jesus did.” We hope so, and we even experience this ourselves, for the fruit of Holy week is a crucified and risen Savior, who is active today, not only continuing his ancient work, but doing new things.

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Check out this fascinating [bird's eye view of the area around Jerusalem](#) and where Jesus was each day (take from the New International Version Study Bible).

Trying to Walk with Jesus this Holy Week,

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