

New Life Christian Fellowship

Life can be like a roller coaster. Extreme highs, shocking twists and stomach churning depths. Some of us enjoy the variety, others dread the dips. Jesus went through a roller coaster of events at, what we call, Easter time.

The crowds praised him, shouting “Hosanna to our King!”. Jesus was filled with compassion, performing miracles as thousands of needy people gathered, all desperate for just one glimpse of hope. Then, disappointment; knowing friends would betray and deny him. The agony of facing a brutal death. Not only Crucifixion; could one man really take Almighty God's punishment for every imperfection of the entire human race?!

Acceptance. Those who he suffered for, jeered, gambled for his clothes, spat on him. But some cried.

Three days of battle, smited with evil, stained with sin. Perfection polluted for us. Wonderful, yet completely horrific!

So why did Jesus choose this horrifying roller coaster ride? He did it for us. He did it for Love.

God is pure. It is not about us “being good people” – that is just not enough. We all fall short of God's purity; to join with God as we are now, would pollute God's purity. So God made a way. That way is Jesus. Jesus became our imperfections, then he faced the wrath of a just God. If there's to be justice, there has to be a price. Jesus' sacrifice was that price; to make us pure like God.

When you face life's roller coaster, remember Jesus understands. He can be with you loving and supporting you.