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Redemption

Yesterday, Tiger Woods won the Masters, and it was his first majors victory in years. This morning, reporters and commentators were using words such as "redemption" and "resurrecting" his career to describe this moment in his life. Congratulations, Tiger.

For Christians, this week is all about redemption and resurrection. This is the holiest of all weeks because of the love, grace and action of Christ. From foot-washing love on Holy Thursday to show us our call to service of one another, to the suffering and death of Christ on Good Friday and the completely unexpected resurrection from the dead on Easter Sunday, this God of surprises enters into the ugliness of humanity as the source of His and our ultimate victory.

Betrayal, denial, false testimony, abandonment, great suffering, divine silence, and a state-sponsored capital death are Jesus's human experiences in this holiest of weeks. All of that ugliness is redeemed in Christ. The past is not erased but the resurrection makes the future bright and bigger.

What speaks to us this Holy Week? What needs to be redeemed in our lives and how do we need to become bigger? We journey with Christ with our own hurts, pains, betrayals, abandonments and all that Christ redeemed this holiest of weeks. Easter speaks of new life, rejoicing and the courage to change, grow and choose a bright, large future because of what Christ did for us on an ugly cross but also on a glorious Easter day. Happy Holy Week and Happy Easter!

Live Jesus!

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