

Purity

THE WHITE SASH ON THE CROSS REMINDS ME OF THE INTENSITY AND GLORY OF JESUS' VICTORY. WHITE REPRESENTS PURITY OR HOLINESS. PURITY IS OFTEN ASSOCIATED WITH MORAL CLEANLINESS, BUT THERE ARE MANY OTHER WAYS TO UNDERSTAND IT. METAL REFINED BY FIRE COMES OUT PURE. ANY ELEMENT THAT'S BEEN CLEANSSED OF CONTAMINANTS CAN BE CONSIDERED PURE. MOTIVES ARE SAID TO BE PURE WHEN THEY ARE NOT CORRUPTED WITH SIN OR SELFISHNESS. SO HOW DOES THE RESURRECTION AND GLORY OF JESUS CONNECT WITH PURITY?

THE DEATH OF JESUS WAS AN AWFUL EVENT REMINISCENT OF THE GRIZZLY SCENE IN THE TEMPLE WHERE, IN SERVICE AND WORSHIP TO GOD, BLOOD AND SUFFERING AND DEATH WERE PRESENT AS A DEPICTION OF THE COST OF SIN. WHILE THE TEMPLE REPRESENTED HOLINESS AND PURITY, IN SOME WAYS, IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO SEPARATE THE GRUESOMENESS OF CORRUPTION FROM THE SCENE AS WELL. EVERY SACRIFICE WAS A REMINDER OF OUR SINS. THE CROSS WAS SIMILAR. WHAT A HOLY REPRESENTATION OF GOD'S LOVE AND JUSTICE, AND YET, HOW CAN WE ESCAPE NOTICING THE SIN AND CORRUPTION THAT REQUIRED THE SACRIFICE OF THE CROSS? THE BIBLE SAYS THAT JESUS BECAME SIN FOR US SO THAT WE COULD BECOME GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS.

BUT NOW, THE RESURRECTED JESUS DOES NOT CARRY OUR SINS. HIS DEATH TOOK CARE OF THAT PROBLEM ONCE AND FOR ALL. THE VICTORY OF THE RESURRECTION IS THE DEFEAT OF ALL IMPURITY. AS JESUS AROSE AFTER DEFEATING SIN AND DEATH FOR US ON THE GRUESOME CROSS, HE AROSE NO LONGER THE SCAPE GOAT OF OUR PUNISHMENT BUT THE VICTOR OF OUR REDEMPTION. HIS OFFERING TO US THROUGH FAITH IS BE HIS, BE HOLY, BE PURE. WE CAN BE THESE THINGS BECAUSE OF THE ONE WHO CONQUERED IMPURITY BY WADING INTO THE CESSPOOL OF OUR TRANSGRESSIONS CONQUERING THEM THROUGH THE CROSS. I INVITE ALL OF US TO REVEL IN THE PURITY OF THE RESURRECTION, THE COMPLETE DEFEAT OF SIN, AND THE HOLINESS OF OUR VICTORIOUS SAVIOR.

Sisters

Mystery Trip

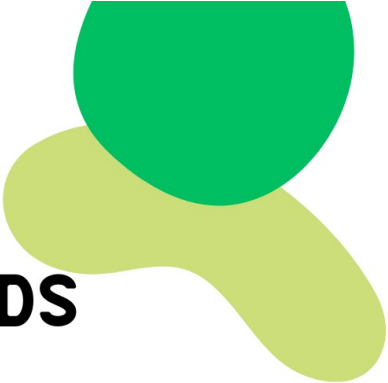
April 25th, 2026

Please join the Sisters on
our mystery trip!

We will be leaving at
8:40 am and will return
early to mid-afternoon

Activity fee: \$20 + lunch

Please signup in the south foyer



ZOAR KIDS OPEN HOUSE



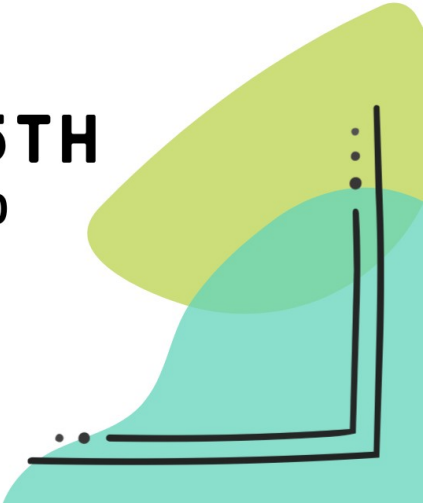

Come for dinner and stay a while!



You are invited to Zoar Kids! Enjoy dinner with us and stay to experience a beautiful evening of intergenerational worship and fellowship.

APRIL 15TH

6:00-7:10



Tree-mendous adventure awaits!

Registration is open for INMAN VBS Rainforest Falls! Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. They'll explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life's storms. It will be held at Zoar Church Sunday, July 12th through Thursday, July 16th, 5:30 PM - 8:15 PM supper for kids and staff served at 5:30 pm. You won't want to miss out! Watch for ways you can volunteer for this exciting adventure.

