

Easter Sunday

“Transitions”

Transition is defined as the act of passing from one state or place to the next.

Life is filled with Transitions: every human being goes through it.

A transition is the place between seasons.

We must act appropriate to our season.

A wise person will be aware at what kind of transitions are happening in the seasons of life.

Transition #1 --- A New Beginning

Matthew 3:16 – 4:1 NIV “As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. **17** And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.’ **4:1** Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil...”

3 Vital Elements of this transition

- Water Baptism – Water Baptism is all about transition. Represents a death and a new life!

Romans 6:4 NIV We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

- Prophetic Affirmation – The Holy Spirit coming upon him... the voice of the Father.

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- Testing in the Wilderness – Transitions seem to always bring us into a season of testing

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Fasting 40 days and nights without food and water.

Even Jesus had to experience a wilderness testing before he could fully transition into his destiny.

- Everything looks great on the Riverbank!
- Satan always shows up in the wilderness transitions of your life, because he wants to derail the work of God!

Transitions are the most Dangerous times, but they are the times with the most Opportunity!

Transition #2 --- The Olive Press

Gethsemane literally means “oil press or olive press”

Matthew 26:36-39 Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." **37** He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. **38** Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me." **39** Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

Even Jesus struggled briefly with the direction his life had taken.

Transition #3 **The Resurrection**

Luke 24:4-7 NIV "... while they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? **6** He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: **7** 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'"

The resurrection is the Ultimate Transition --- From Death to Life!