

## 2026-04-01 Discussion Questions

The pastor suggests that Jesus may have been crucified on Wednesday rather than Friday to fulfill the three days and three nights prophecy. How does our understanding of the timeline of Jesus' death and resurrection affect our faith, and does it matter if we get the details exactly right?

When God asks Job, 'Will the one who contends with the Almighty correct him?', Job immediately becomes silent and humbled. In what ways do we still contend with God today, and what would it take for us to have that same humble response?

The pastor describes our attempts to contend with God as being like the MMA fighter who gets knocked out with one punch after all his showboating. What areas of your life reveal that you are still trying to fight against God's will rather than surrendering to it?

Paul writes about rejoicing in suffering and filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions. How does this perspective on suffering differ from the American church's expectation that God should make us healthy, wealthy, and comfortable?

The pastor emphasizes that being 'perfect in Christ' means being completely in Christ, not partially or just on Sundays. What would it look like practically for you to move from partial commitment to complete commitment to Christ?

Job never mentions his pain again once God begins speaking to him. What does this teach us about the power of focusing on God's greatness rather than our circumstances?

Paul describes the mystery of 'Christ in you, the hope of glory' as glorious riches and treasures. Why do we so often fail to value this treasure, and how can we begin to see it as our true wealth?

The pastor challenges us to admonish and teach one another, not just be sympathetic. How can we move beyond offering empty condolences to

speaking truth and pointing people to God's sovereignty in difficult times?

The story of Larry's multiple near-death experiences illustrates that God has ordained all our days before one of them came to be. How does believing this truth change the way you approach both suffering and blessing in your life?

The pastor states that we will all give an account of our lives before Jesus and likely regret not seeking Him more deeply. If you knew you would stand before Christ tonight, what would you most regret about how you have lived your Christian life?