

A Great Day in the Kingdom – April 2, 2021

Every year during Holy Week the question arises concerning the word, “Maundy”. Why do we call it Maundy-Thursdays? Maundy is a derivative from the Latin, “Mandata”, which simply means Mandate. On the Thursday before Jesus was crucified, he shared the Last Supper with His Disciples. As He washed their feet He issued a Mandate. The mandate?

John 13:34, A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have Loved you. So you must Love one another.

We as Christians are called to live out and into this Mandate from Jesus Christ, Our Savior. It also transcends all of Jesus’ ministry, including His very crucifixion and earthly death.

The second question involves “Good Friday”. Why do we call the day of the crucifixion “Good”? The term “Good” means Holy, which leads us not only into the crucifixion but the conquering of sin and death, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In the end Paul describes this very arduous journey in his epistle (letter) to the Church in Rome.

Romans 8:28, And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who Love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.

Only The God of Abraham and Isaac could use the brutality and cruelty of the crucifixion to Bless us all with His unfailing Grace and Love. It is a “Good” Friday.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help me to see and follow the mandate of Christ and experience the ultimate Good of the crucifixion of Christ. Help me to Love those who are difficult to Love, as I am Loved by You. In the name of The Risen Christ Jesus, AMEN!!!

Have a Blessed Holy Week, Church!!!