

WHAT'S SO GOOD ABOUT GOOD FRIDAY?

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As **the world** continues to shrink, I am privileged to be exposed to **different cultures**. Such ventures help me broaden my horizons and quite often, the relationship, requires me to think about me and my beliefs.

So when **non-Christian friend** asked me point blank, “What’s so good about Good Friday?”, it gave me great pause. Was she asking me in jest? Was it a language question concerning how the moniker of “good” could be attached to death? Or, was it a sincere inquiry about faith?

My first inclination was to give her a **Bible**, but I didn’t have one handy. Then, I figured she may know more about **Christianity** than I do. Next, I wanted to send her to a website, but I didn’t even know what to search. It was at that moment, I remembered a Good Friday service from my childhood and **our pastor driving nails into a piece of wood** in back of the church. The results of each piercing sound of the hammer, he said, were good for followers of Christ because **Jesus took the cross, and the nails, and the thorns, and the spear, and the agony and the pain...all for us**. Death would never be the same.

That’s what’s so good about Good Friday.

"God has loved us and has given us all that he is and has."

Peter Julian Eymard , French Catholic Priest



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