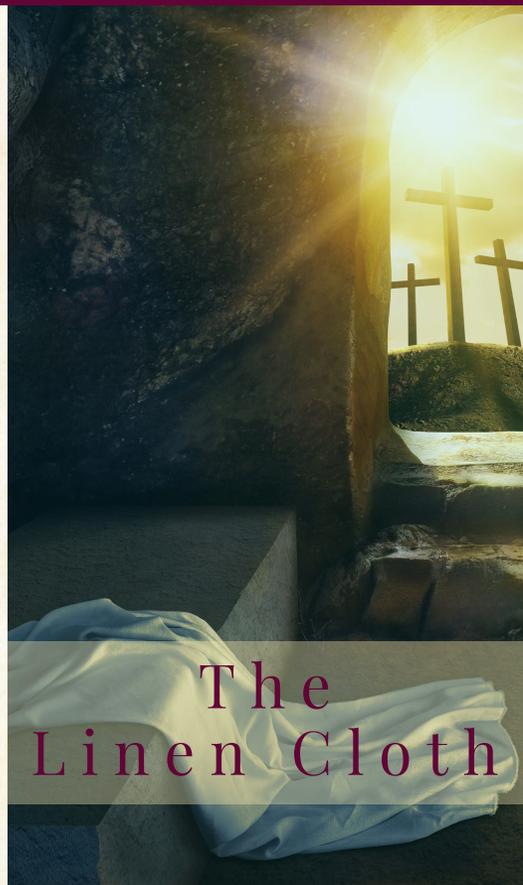


Journey Through Lent - Week 8

When you think of words that appear many times throughout the Bible, what words come to mind? You might think of love or grace, or one of those big Bible words like righteousness. How about this one: linen? The word linen appears over 100 times throughout the Bible, in both the Old and New Testament. Priests wore fine linen garments; Angels were said to wear linen. Wealthy people wore linen and even the curtain in the Temple that separated the most holy places was made of linen. But, there is one instance where it is used that is more significant than all of the rest.

As was custom, Jesus' body was wrapped in linen before being placed in the tomb for burial. When Jesus' disciples came to visit his body on that Sunday morning, they did not find him, but they did find his burial garments. These linen garments were not scattered around, but instead were placed in the tomb neatly, so there's no way this was the work grave robbers or troublemakers! No -- these normal, everyday linen cloths that were used for burials and other purposes, were one of the first signs of the resurrection. Something as simple as linen was used to tell the message that Jesus defeated death and rose from the dead.

God can use even the smallest, simplest things for His glory. How can you share His love with others in everyday ways?



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READ

John 20:1-10

PRAY

Ask God to show you how to share his love and grace each and every day to those around you.

ACT

How can you share God's love when you do chores? When you walk around your neighborhood? When you go to school? Think of three ways you can share God's love through something you do every day. Then, put those three ways into practice this week.

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