



## Once Upon a Time

*The Story God is Telling and How You Fit*

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# The Only Way To Win

Introduction: Matthew 16:21-23 - "The only way to win...is to lose."

The Prophecy: Isaiah 53

- The Messiah would take upon Himself the sins of His people (53:6, 11, 12).
- The Messiah would take the punishment His people deserved until it killed Him (53:5, 8, 10, 12).
- In the process, Messiah would give His people healing and make them righteous (53:5, 11).

The Fulfillment: Matthew 27:32-50

- The Romans mocked him (27:37).
- His own people mocked him (27:39-43).
- God abandoned him (27:45-46).
- Jesus died believing He had succeeded in... (John 19:30)
  - ...Freeing his people from the power of sin. (1 Peter 2:24)
  - ...Bringing his people back to God. (1 Peter 3:18)

The Final Plot-Twist: Luke 24:21-47

- The Story Always Told You...
  - ...first the suffering, then the glory! (24:26-27)
  - ...first the death, then the resurrection! (24:45-46)
  - ...Messiah would bring a whole new day – forgiveness is for ALL! (27:47)

Conclusion: Jesus lost so YOU could win. Are you ready to win yet?

## FIRST BAPTIST HORSEHEADS LIFE GROUPS

Debrief Plan: 11/5/2017

### Icebreakers:

1. If you like sports, what was the most thrilling "win" one of your teams ever experienced? What was the most crushing loss?
2. What is a "win" you really want to experience in your life? (For example, getting a promotion at work could be a "win.")

Sermon Summary: The only way to insure that God's Happy Ending for the world (the ultimate "win") would happen was for the Messiah to lose his life. The Old Testament prophesied it and Jesus experienced it. His death freed his people from sin and brought them back to God. And the final shocking plot-twist was that Jesus was raised to life and brought a whole new day of forgiveness and life to ANYONE who trusts in Him.

### Discussion Questions:

1. Does it surprise you that Jesus calls Peter "Satan" in Matthew 16:23? Why would he do that? Is there a rebuke here for us, as well?

\* **The Prophecy** (Read Isaiah 53.)

2. Discuss together how Jesus fulfilled various details in this prophecy.
3. What does this passage tell us about Messiah that is hard to match up with the triumphant prophecy we looked at in Isaiah 9?
4. Has God ever chosen to do things in a way other than how you expected Him to? How did you handle it? Did you learn anything?

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5. A lot of people mocked Jesus in the process of him being crucified. Whose mockery do you think hurt Jesus the most and why?
6. What must it have felt like for Jesus to be **truly** abandoned by God?

\* **The Final Plot Twist** (Read Luke 24:36-49.)

7. What do we learn about Jesus's personality from watching Him show himself to his disciples in verses 36-43?
8. What does Jesus do after convincing them that he was really alive in verses 44-49? Why was that so important for him to do?