

Easter Sunday

With Resurrection Sunday coming up this weekend, students plan to celebrate Christ's resurrection through a combination of worship and fellowship.

Many of the freshman class are discovering new ways to enjoy Passion week and Resurrection Sunday as they experience their first Easter at BJU.

Freshman Tim Martin, a cross-cultural service major, said he has been preparing for Easter by reading through the biblical account of the week before Christ's death.

"On Easter day, I plan to read all of the resurrection accounts and then leave early in the morning to go to a sunrise service held downtown in a park," Martin said. "In my mind, you get the most out of holidays when you invest into their deeper meaning."

Jessica Scott, a freshman communication major, said her plans for her first Easter here at BJU are simple. She wants to attend an Easter service at Suber Road Baptist Church in Greer.

Those students who've experienced Easter at BJU in past years have created some of their own traditions for celebrating on campus. Many of them visit friends' homes to spend the afternoon and evening fellowshiping with other believers.

Elaina Lehner, a sophomore cross-cultural service major, said she loves celebrating the special day with her church and then heading to a friend's house for a meal and games.

"I love getting to celebrate with so many people and different kinds of people in maybe different ways of celebrating," Lehner said. "Also, it's a great way to open conversations with anyone that can lead to spiritual things very quickly and naturally."

Abby Leaman, a sophomore communication disorders major, said she too loves to attend Easter services at her church here in South Carolina. She will also go to Easter dinner at a

church friend's house. "[It's good] to have friends who love Jesus," Leaman said.

For many students who have family that live nearby, their Easter is spent worshipping and fellowshiping with relatives.

Jessica Teruel, a sophomore journalism and mass communication major, shared some traditions she enjoys celebrating with her family at Easter time. Her mother still hides Easter eggs around the house for her to hunt. "[That] means a lot, because I am a very sentimental person," she said. "Yeah, it's pretty weird, but what can I say? I like holding onto memories."

Teruel also said that on Easter Sunday she enjoys eating breakfast with her family, reading the Easter story from the Bible together and then heading to Sunday services.

Kyle Calhoun, a junior Bible major, said he spends his Easter morning at his church and then goes to his cousin's house for a meal in the afternoon. "I've not been in a lot of places where I had a lot of people around me who were solid Christians," Calhoun said. "So being able to celebrate [Easter] with these people around me is very real to me."

Other students enjoy participating in special events on campus that take place around Easter time.

Glenn Faris, a junior history major, said he will spend his second year in a row being a model in Living Gallery. "Being able to see and hear the production multiple times throughout the week is neat because you really hear the lyrics to the songs," Faris said. "In the green room there have been great times of praise, reflection and discussion among the cast members."

Faris said this year will be special because his family will be traveling from Indiana, his home state, to see him perform. "Seeing Living Gallery from the stage . . . is my favorite part of Easter at BJU," he said.