

History's Most Wonderful Interruption



We can hardly make it through a day without a detour. On or off campus, the orange cones, posted notices, temporary fences of construction, reserved parking, and special events meet us at every turn. The speed of our students' transitions is always changing the direction of our day. It's part of the excitement of working in this community, and, on some days, the headache of it.

Change, interruptions, and unexpected outcomes: I left on time, but the canyon... I was ready, but PeopleSoft... but my doctor... but the economy... but my family...

In the lives of Jesus' first disciples (and weren't they kind of like a little educational community?), everything looked under control; until everything fell apart. One of them tells the story:

Jesus, following the deliberate and well-thought-out plan of God, was betrayed by men who took the law into their own hands, [who] pinned him to a cross and killed him.

But God untied the death ropes and raised him up. Death was no match for him.

This Sunday, we celebrate history's most wonderful interruption. "But God..." is not only the best news about history, but the promise that whatever change we encounter, the way ahead leads to resurrection: Easter hope.

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