

MONDAY, APRIL 13



2 Timothy 1:8-12 ♦ Psalm 41

Our Savior Christ Jesus . . . abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. 2 Timothy 1:10

End of an Era

Did you see that game last night?" "It was the match of the century!" "Wow, I never saw that upset coming." "It's the end of an era."

When we see a remarkable victory in sports, we tend to talk about it. We'll rehash the highlights, listen to the analysts, and revel in the noteworthy event. There might be some games that we even remember for a lifetime.

Good Friday and Easter were no game, but they most certainly contained the battle of a lifetime. This was definitely the end of an era.

"The victory remained with life, The reign of death was ended" (LSB 458:4).

When Adam and Eve sinned, death reared its ugly head in all things: plants died, animals died, and people died. Death seemed to claim all things and have the last say.

But God knew that the time would come when death would lose. The strangest part was that death would be conquered by death. The Lord of Life Himself would die, breaking the power that death had.

"Wow, I never saw that upset coming." What a victory! Now, that's something to talk about.

*Lord of Life, You conquered death. Alleluia!
Thank You for ending the reign of death. Amen.*