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“Two Roads From Lent To Easter”

The easy road from Lent to Easter is popular. You simply go to church and let the Lenten services carry you to the joy of Easter. The trouble with the easy road is that half of Easter is Good Friday. One must suffer and die before being resurrected.

Jesus' ministry began with his baptism by John. John's baptism was a celebration of people's repentance. At that baptism Jesus identified himself with us: with people needing to repent. He justified this use of John's baptism by saying that it was right for him to fulfill all righteousness. The rest of his life.. including his time on the cross .. was spent healing, preaching, teaching, and forgiving: fulfilling all kinds and types of righteousness.

So, Lent, rightly conceived and lived, is never easy. We must encourage each other as we try to follow Jesus and so try to fulfill all righteousness. That way we can spend Lent anticipating a glorious Easter.

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