

SERMON OUTLINE John 18:12-27

The Trials and Denials of Jesus - Part 1

PASSION WEEK TIMELINE REVIEW

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

THE ARREST AND JEWISH TRIALS OF THURSDAY EVENING AND FRIDAY MORNING

Jesus Arrested

Jesus Jewish Trials

1.

2.

3.

PETER'S DENIALS

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

The big idea in all of this is the staggering love and grace of Jesus in the face of the growing treachery of those He came to save. The main takeaways are the Spirit-empowered cultivation of humility, gratitude, trust, and love.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. If you didn't know what you know about Jesus, how would you have scripted the events of chapter 18? More specifically, how would you have chosen for Jesus to save the world?
3. Have you given much thought to the historicity of God's saving plan? Has it ever shaped your study of history?
4. Does it make sense to you why Peter felt compelled to fight back against Jesus' arrest, but Jesus didn't?
5. In what ways is Jesus' kingdom different from the world's? Are there any ways it is the same?
6. Can you think of a time from the past week in which you ran to fun instead of service? Why did you do that?
7. Have you ever witnessed the kind of blatant injustice that Jesus endured in the Jewish "trials"?
8. Have you ever denied Jesus or been tempted to (before or after coming to faith)? What do you learn from Peter?
9. On a scale of 1-10, how strong is your desire for humility, gratitude, trust, and love?
10. In what ways did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

11. Read the rest of John, chapters 18-21 to prepare yourself for the rest of our time in the Gospel.
12. Spend some time in the "kitchen" of John this week. Read through a good commentary or watch a "Look at the Book."
13. Listen to Doug Bookman's Holy Week lectures (we have them available to download).
14. Find a specific way to run toward God's commands and promises in service and sacrifice rather than comfort and fun.
15. Talk to your DG leader about how you can more fully use your gifts to strengthen the Church.
16. Begin to study history in such a way as to accurately understand God's work in the world.
17. Ask two different people in your family or DG (1) One thing they got from this sermon, and (2) How you can pray for them.
18. Ask God to show you one specific thing you ought to do differently as a result of this text or sermon? Share that and pray about it with someone in your DG. Continue praying for and checking in with each other until you've both done it.

PRAYER POINTS

19. Adoration. Praise God for being gracious and merciful. Praise God for being just and Savior. Praise God for being omniscient.
20. Confess. Confess any ways you've been tempted to deny Jesus. Confess any ways you've run to fun and comfort instead of sacrifice and service. Confess any ways you've acted unjustly to gain something. Confess any indifference to God's Word or God's salvation for the lost.
21. Thanksgiving. Thank God for His Word. Thank God for Jesus' perfect obedience and the Spirit's work to help you trust in it. Thank God for coming to save and sanctify those who have denied Him. Thank God for forgiveness. Thank God for good scholars of history and theology to help us recognize and interpret His work in the world. Thank God for Grace Church and all true churches around the world.
22. Supplication. Ask God to make us confident in His promises. Ask God to fill us with His love for one another and the world. Ask God to comfort the broken-hearted and heal the sick among us. Ask God to cause our witness to the people of Wyoming to lead to the salvation of many. Ask God to cause our kids to trust in Him. Ask God to help us stand firm in persecution.