

Sermon Notes – June 16, 2019

Review

- ⇒ Last week with Pastor Tyler, we saw Jesus anointed for burial with costly perfume by Mary of Bethany, we saw the sinister act of betrayal by Judas, and through Matthew's words, we sat in on the Last Supper as Jesus said, "This is My body" and "This blood is the New Covenant in My blood."
- ⇒ Last week we also visited the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus wrestled with the growing agony of suffering that was headed His way. Soon, the cup of God's wrath would be poured out on Him, as He bore the sins of the world on His shoulders.

Today's Text: Matthew 26:47-27:10

As we walk through the passion account of Jesus as presented by Matthew, time slows and powerful, emotional details increase. Clearly Matthew intends that we think deeply and carefully about the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. Today's text focuses on the prelude to the cross – Judas's betrayal & regret, the trials, & Peter's denial.

Listen and Watch as the Storm Clouds Gather

As we READ the text...

- ⇒ Look carefully at the people involved – crowds & _____.
- ⇒ Note the strong emotional words and actions.
- ⇒ Do you see the many areas of strong conflict?
 - The hero now a _____
 - A place of _____ now filled with treachery
 - A friend now a betrayer
 - Close friends now fleeing
 - Outwardly religious leaders playing out dark purposes
 - An avowed _____ scared of a servant girl
 - Sovereign design side by side with _____

God's Answer for True Guilt & Deep Regret
Matthew 26:47-27:10 Pastor Jay Mosser

True Guilt & Deep Regret Do Not Always = Repentance

- ⇒ After betraying Jesus, Judas _____ and experienced profound regret, but Scripture gives no hint of true repentance. Cf. Matthew 26:24; Acts 1:25; II Corinthians 7:9-11

True Guilt & Deep Regret CAN Be Forgiven!

- ⇒ Do you think the disciples ever regretted abandoning Jesus at His hour of greatest need? (READ 26:30-35 and 56) (Personal question: Have you ever made _____ promises like this and then been deeply broken when you failed to live up to your words...again?)
- ⇒ We know that Peter did regret his foolish words of denial (26:75) and that after being restored by Jesus (John 21), he was ready to lead and preach less than two months later on Pentecost (Acts 1:15 & 2:14-41) when 3,000 people trusted Christ.
- ⇒ Who else is responsible for Jesus' death on the cross? Roman soldiers? Religious leaders? Jewish crowds? Any others you can think of?

Response to God's Word

- ⇒ How can we read the passion account and NOT be overwhelmed and humbled at the amazing love of God who would orchestrate redemption for a fallen, broken, rebellious world! Let us respond in grateful worship!
- ⇒ God's answer to true guilt and deep regret is not penance, it is not trying harder, it is not making even more well-intentioned promises to do better; God's answer is the gospel of Jesus – we are forgiven by God's amazing grace, and we grow in obedience by grace as well.

*"Guilty, vile, and helpless, we;
Spotless Lamb of God was He;
Full atonement, can it be?
Hallelujah! What a Savior!"*

Next Sunday: June 23, 2019

"The Lamb of God Takes Away the Sin of the World"

Matthew 27:11-66; Pastor Jay Mosser

Answer Key: ▪ individuals ▪ victim ▪ prayer ▪ warrior ▪ personal choice ▪ changed his mind ▪ well-intentioned ▪