

NEXT STEP: STUDY & SHARE

READINGS

Luke 19:28-40

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16

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Philippians 2:5-11

Luke 22:14--23:56

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature & to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will & in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives & reigns with you & the Holy Spirit, one God, now & forever. Amen.

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GOD- *Christian life is rooted in the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit*

1. How do the "Suffering Servant Songs" (*Isaiah 42:1-4; 49:1-6; 50:4-9a, 53:13--53:12; see also Isaiah 61:1-3; John 12:37-41.*) show us that Jesus has always been God's plan A for his creation? *See Genesis 3:15; Romans 5:6, 11:32; 1 Corinthians 2:7; Galatians 3:22; Ephesians 1:3-12, 3:9; Colossians 1:26; 1 Timothy 2:6; Hebrews 7:11, 15-28 (don't forget to check surrounding verses for context)*
2. How do these two ideas compare & contrast: Judas (& the power structures) will take Jesus' body & blood (vv47-48), but Jesus offers his body & blood (vv19-20)? *See John 10:11-18, Acts 2:22-24, 3:13-15, 5:29-32, 7:51-53; Galatians 1:3-5, 2:20; 1 Timothy 2:4-6; Titus 2:14; where do you find parallel ideas, inversions, ironies, reversals, etc.?*

EACH OTHER- *Sharing & growing with our brothers & sisters in Christ*

3. What do *Psalms 55, 41, 89, & 125* add to Jesus' prediction of his betrayal (vv21-24)? How do they give you words & a reference frame for your own experiences of betrayal, both as a victim & perpetrator? As Bob Marley sang, "Who the cap fit, let them wear it."
4. How does your own desire for recognition & distinction betray of your own humble, agreeable service (vv24-27)? *See Luke 9:23-27, 37-43, 46-48*

NEIGHBORS- *Bearing fruit for those not yet our brothers & sisters*

5. Review the 8th Commandment in both the Small & Large Catechisms available bookofconcord.org. How would accountability with this matter guard against betrayal & attract others?
6. Read *Luke 22:32 & Luke 7:36-50*; how can our own forgiveness help us show & tell others about Jesus?

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Palm Sunday of Our Lord's Passion

04.10.22

Series: Repent!

Rev. Jared Stillions, STS

For You

Jesus' is betrayed, it is unfair, & it is for you.

-Notes-

KEY VERSE: I have prayed for you, [Peter,] that your own faith may not fail; & you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers. (v23)

-NEXT STEPS MEMORY VERSE-

Christ humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him & gave him the name that is above every name. (*Philippians 2:8-9*)

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