

Hide Away in the Love of Jesus

Matthew 26-17

Good Friday, 2010

Preparation for Celebration

- ❖ **Scripture:** Matthew 26:17-19
- ❖ **Reading:** Max Lucado, The Final Week of Jesus, “Served by the Best” (p. 88-90)
 - Beginning, “*For some, communion is a sleepy...*”
 - End, “*...the King in the apron has drawn near.*”
- ❖ **Devotional:**
 - This is not just a celebration of Jesus but a celebration by Jesus – He is the one who hosted the Supper for His disciples and hosts this Table for us
 - Put aside all the other chores and distractions of life – and enjoy this time with Him
- ❖ **Music:** “A Hymn of Joy We Sing” (Congregational)

Giving of the Bread

- ❖ **Scripture:** Matthew 26:20, 26
- ❖ **Devotional:**
 - The bread serves the purpose of showing our association with Him (cp. John 6:48-58)
 - As the disciples take the bread into themselves, they show their desire for Christ to be in them (cp. John 13:6-10 = washing of feet)
- ❖ **Communion – Bread**
 - As you take the bread, you show, as the disciples did, that you want His life within you
- ❖ **Music:** “Be at Rest” (Devalin Drennon)

Giving of the Cup

- ❖ **Scripture:** Matthew 26:27-29
- ❖ **Devotional:**
 - The cup serves the purpose of showing His blood and life given for us

- As the disciples take the cup, they show their desire to be in Christ (through the new covenant of His blood)

❖ **Communion – Cup**

- As you take the bread, you show, as the disciples did, that you want your life to be within His

❖ **Music:** “Higher” (Todd Donovan)

Prediction of Abandonment / Denial

❖ **Scripture:** Matthew 26:30-35

❖ **Devotional:**

- For all the celebration, for all that He has meant to them before this point, Jesus knows what is about to happen.
- On this night of great fellowship, He knows that they will abandon Him. He, who had given them so much; He, who they owe their very lives to; He, they would abandon and deny.
- On this night, their resolve will disappear, their commitment will be crushed, their tongues will falter...

❖ **Music:** “O Calvary’s Lamb” (Georgene Williams)

Betrayal and Abandonment

❖ **Scripture:** Matthew 26:47-50, 55-56

❖ **Devotional:**

- For the disciples, the cross, which will become their greatest strength, on this night, is their greatest weakness.
- Judas betrays Him, the disciples abandon Him, and then Peter later denies Him.
- We know what that night was like for Jesus...what do you think it was like for His disciples? What prayers of forgiveness, mercy and pity must they have offered!

❖ **Reading:** Sholem Asch, *The Nazarene*, Chapter Twenty-One (p. 612)

- Beginning, “*Within one instant all those that...*”
- End, “*...those that were taking him prisoner.*”

❖ **Music:** “Kyrie Eleison” (Choir)

Condemnation and Crucifixion

❖ **Scripture:** Matthew 27:2, 26-36

❖ **Devotional:**

- Flogged, condemned, stripped, crowned in thorns, spit upon, beaten with a staff, and finally crucified, the soldiers, the crowd, the small band of followers, His mother, His Father and His enemy all wait for Him to die.
- We struggle with words to convey the scene at the cross and our affection and attraction for such a grotesque sight.

❖ **Reading:** Sholem Asch, The Nazarene, Chapter Twenty-Seven (p. 683-684)

- Beginning, “*When they had nailed him to the...*”
- End, “*...and the help did not come.*”

❖ **Music:** “The Old Rugged Cross” (Congregational)

Death on the Cross

❖ **Scripture:** Matthew 27:45-46, 50-54

❖ **Devotional:**

- The Son of God dies on the cross of Calvary.
- The Son of God without sin takes the sins of His creation and offers them His forgiveness.
- The Son of God willingly, by a strength only God has, with a peace beyond our understanding, expresses His love for us on the cross.
- Jesus loves us in spite of our sin, loves us beyond our sin, and loves us by carrying our sin on the cross.
- His love is seen in His peace and joy in going to the cross for us.

❖ **Reading:** Sholem Asch, The Nazarene, Chapter Twenty-Seven (p. 684-685)

- Beginning, “*Then he that was on the cross...*”
- End, “*...and purity, the smile upon his lips.*”