

The Grief of the Passion



Palm Sunday 2023

Holy Week

- Triumphal Entry
- Cleansing of the Temple
- Final teachings / debates
- Last Supper
- Garden of Gethsemane
- Passion / Crucifixion
- Matthew 21-27
- Mark 11-15
- Luke 19-23
- John 12-19

the passion

- His prayer
- His betrayal
- His arrest
- His torture
- His abandonment
- His crucifixion
- His death

“Then the Lord God said to the serpent,
Because you have done this, you are
cursed...

And I will cause hostility between you and
the woman, and between your offspring
and her offspring. He will strike your head,
and you will strike His heel.

Genesis 3:14,15

Judas

So they counted out for my wages thirty pieces of silver.

And the Lord said to me, “Throw it to the potter”—this magnificent sum at which they valued me! So I took the thirty coins and threw them to the potter in the Temple of the Lord.

Zechariah 11:12,13

Peter

Strike down the shepherd, and the sheep
will be scattered,

Zechariah 13:7

The Centurion

But many were amazed when they saw
Him.

His face was so disfigured He seemed
hardly human, and from His appearance,
one would scarcely know He was a man.

Isaiah 52:14

Mary and John

Then the Lord told him, “Make a replica of a poisonous snake and attach it to a pole.

All who are bitten will live if they simply look at it!” So Moses made a snake out of bronze and attached it to a pole.

Numbers 21:8,9

Faithful Women

The stone that the builders rejected has
now become the cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing, and it is
wonderful to see.

Psalm 118:22,23

Jesus

But He was pierced for our rebellion,
crushed for our sins.

He was beaten so we could be whole.

He was whipped so we could be healed.

All of us, like sheep, have strayed away.

We have left God's paths to follow our own.

Yet the Lord laid on Him the sins of us all.

Isaiah 53:5,6

You and I

But God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, He will certainly save us from God's condemnation.

Romans 5:7-9

Different Responses

- Judas - bitterness that results in despair
- Peter - brashness and genuine repentance
- Mary - simple devotion in spite of grief
- Centurion - astonishment, but no commitment
- Faithful Women - duty in spite of grief
- Jesus - focus on the Father's will
- You - ?

Reflections

- Reflect on God's response to sin.
- Reflect on your response to sin.
- Repent.
- Believe.