



Sunday, September 6, 2020 || Mar 14:27-42

Welcome

Call to Worship:

Leader: Lead us, O Lord, in Your righteousness;

All: make Your way straight before us.

Leader: For You bless the righteous, O Lord;

All: You cover them with favor as with a shield

Musical Meditation

Confession

O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger, nor discipline me in your wrath. Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am languishing; heal me, O LORD, for my bones are troubled. My soul also is greatly troubled. Turn, O LORD, deliver my life; save me for the sake of your steadfast love.

Assurance

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

All: Hallelujah

Prayer

Announcements

Children are dismissed to Kids Church

Scripture Reading

Sermon - Sorrowful Suffering

Song – In Christ Alone

Benediction

Flowers this week are in honor of all who labor.

Wifi = Park Rd Pres Guest;

Password = Guestprc



Sermon Text, Notes, and Quotes:

And Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away, for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’ But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.” Peter said to him, “Even though they all fall away, I will not.” And Jesus said to him, “Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.” But he said emphatically, “If I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And they all said the same.

And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. And he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch.” And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. And he said, “Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.” And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him. And he came the third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”

Our suffering Savior satisfied God and secured our soul

Specific Suffering
Severe Sorrow
Sincere
Supplication
Satisfied
Submission
Solemn Solitude

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief...
Isaiah 53:10

Empathy is about standing in someone else's shoes, feeling with his or her heart, seeing with his or her eyes.

Daniel Pink

But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption...For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

Hebrews 9:11-12, 24

God has a will which is to be accepted rather than altered by prayer...Prayer, so understood, consists not in changing God's mind but in finding our own alignment with God's will. Where our desire is not in line with God's purpose, it is the former which must give way.

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Questions for Reflection

1. Think of a difficult or trying time in your life. How did God use that time for your own good, or for the good of those around you?

2. Re-read the Triumphal Entry in Mark 11:1-10. How disconcerting must it have been for Jesus' disciples to experience the celebratory anticipation of Mark 11 as well as the anxious anguish of Mark 14 in the same week? How would you have responded?

3. The Triumphal Entry fulfilled Zechariah 9:9, and in Mark 14:27 Jesus quotes Zechariah 13:7 as He prepares to fulfill that prophecy as well. What other OT prophecies can you think of that Jesus fulfilled? Why are the unity and interconnectedness of Scripture so important?

4. Does Jesus' ability to empathize with your sorrow bring you comfort? If so, how? If not, why?

5. Jesus prays with honest supplication and humble submission. Name something significant in your life for which you are praying. How does praying with both these postures change your prayers?



7. Read Isaiah 53:5-6 & 10-11, and 2 Corinthians 5:21. Have you thought before about Jesus receiving the full brunt of God's wrath in our place? Why is this idea so counterintuitive? What does this tell you about the character of God?

8. By suffering in your place, Jesus procured for you significant blessings. Read Ephesians 1:3-14 and list as many as you can.

9. Which 2 or 3 of those blessings would you like a greater awareness of? Spend time praying and asking God for a greater sensitivity to His Spirit's work in your life.
