

Cedar Creek Sunday Message Discussion Questions

Series: Holy Week Message: Betrayal and Trial

Mark 14:33-34 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."

Discuss what this passage tells us about Jesus as fully human yet God in flesh.

Mark 14:61-64 Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" And Jesus said, "I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven." And the high priest tore his garments and said, "What further witnesses do we need? You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?" And they all condemned him as deserving death.

Why was Jesus' response to the high priest's question so infuriating to them? What motivated the religious leaders?

Mark 14:71-72 But he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know this man of whom you speak." And immediately the rooster crowed a second time. And Peter remembered... And he broke down and wept.

Discuss the significance of the gospel writers all including this account of Peter's denial. Previously Peter was very certain that he would follow Jesus to death, what caused him to deny he even knew Jesus?

Romans 5:6, 8-10 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.... but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

In light of Peter's denial of Jesus and this passage in Romans, discuss the statement from Tim Keller that says, "We are more sinful and flawed in ourselves than we dared believe, yet at the same time we are more loved and accepted in Jesus than we dared hope."