

Messiah Part 5 (Feb 23/24)

Pre-trial and the Death of Christ



Read Luke 22:31–65

1. Peter and the rest of the disciples must have been shaken to the core when Jesus says that Satan has demanded that he be allowed “to sift them all like wheat.” How does Peter’s response (v.33) demonstrate where Peter’s hope lies?
2. Compare and contrast the scene of Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane with the scene of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden in Genesis 3. How would you summarize Jesus’ response regarding the will of the Father?
3. Imagine you are Peter sitting around the fire outside in the courtyard as Jesus is inside the high priest’s house. What thoughts, feelings, and questions are running through your mind?
4. The disciples fail to pray with Jesus in the garden, they choose violence when confronted by the authorities, and Peter denies Jesus three times. Where are places you struggle and fail to follow Jesus obediently and wholeheartedly?
5. What does Peter find out about himself in vv. 22:61–62? How do Peter’s actions and words provide an ironic beginning and end to this long section of Scripture?

Read Luke 23:26–43

6. Simon of Cyrene is seized as he is coming in from the country to carry the cross of Jesus. How do you think Simon would describe that moment 10 years later?
7. What do you think Jesus means when He tells those who are lamenting His impending crucifixion, “For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?” What is Jesus warning them about when he speaks?

8. How does the lamenting and mourning of the crowd during Jesus' journey to the cross fulfill the prophecy of Zechariah 12: 10-14?



9. Jesus said that those who love their enemies would become "the sons and daughters of the Most High" during his sermon on the plain (Luke 6:35). How does Jesus's request that the Father forgive those who are crucifying Him challenge you?

10. The events around the crucifixion of Jesus are covered in great detail in all four gospels, yet there are no details about the actual act of crucifixion; they all just say "they crucified him." Why might this be the case?

11. Three different groups of people mock Jesus while He is on the cross. Who are these three groups? What is their common refrain? What is the irony among all three?

12. How do the words of the rulers in v. 35 specifically echo the words the evil one used in the wilderness temptation?

13. This same thief recognized that he was justly being punished for his crimes. How does this demonstrate a necessary part of repentance? What impact is there on our walk with Christ when we minimize our responsibility for sinning?

14. Jesus says these awesome words to the thief: "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise." The thief was to receive his reward in heaven! What does this tell you about a person's works vs. their faith/repentance in Jesus Christ and our eternal destination?

15. The innocent Son of God came to this earth, lived a perfect life, and died a death for the benefit of sinners. How does the death of Christ bring you hope personally?