

TAKE HOME SHEET



Series: Jesus Went
Message: Jesus Went to the Politically Powerful
Speaker: Rusty Coram
Date: April 13/14, 2019

Read Luke chapter 23 carefully and slowly, then review the message notes.

Imagine you were one of Pilate's advisors and he asked what you thought he should do. What advice might you have given him?

Now imagine you are Pilate and your career (and life) are on the line.

Being the governor meant administering justice, but in this case the political pressure on Pilate by the counsel was real. Sometimes doing the right thing can be costly. As followers of Jesus, we aren't immune to the cost, but we should have a greater ambition than our comfort, popularity, and security.

Think about the following verses, and how they may help you choose to be God's faithful man or woman this week:

Fearing people is a dangerous trap, but trusting the LORD means safety.

Proverbs 29:25 (NLT)

He said to them, "You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of men, but God knows your hearts. What is highly valued among men is detestable in God's sight."

Luke 16:15 (NIV)

⁴² Yet at the same time many even among the leaders believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they would not confess their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue; ⁴³ for they loved praise from men more than praise from God.

John 12:42-43 (NIV)

⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. ⁶ Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. ⁷ Don't be impressed with your own wisdom. Instead, fear the LORD and turn away from evil.

Proverbs 3:5-7 (NLT)

The eyes of the LORD search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.

2 Chronicles 16:9 (NLT)

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

MSG – The Message

NIV – New International Version

NLT – New Living Translation

MESSAGE NOTES



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politics (def): the opinions, policies and actions that are used to gain power over, or to influence a government

citizenship (def): the rights and responsibilities for being the member of a nation

ambition (def): eagerness to achieve a desired goal

¹ Then the entire council took Jesus to Pilate, the Roman governor. ² They began to state their case: "This man has been leading our people astray by telling them not to pay their taxes to the Roman government and by claiming he is the Messiah, a king." ³ So Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus replied, "You have said it." ⁴ Pilate turned to the leading priests and to the crowd and said, "I find nothing wrong with this man!" ⁵ Then they became insistent. "But he is causing riots by his teaching wherever he goes—all over Judea, from Galilee to Jerusalem!" ⁶ "Oh, is he a Galilean?" Pilate asked. ⁷ When they said that he was, Pilate sent him to Herod Antipas, because Galilee was under Herod's jurisdiction, and Herod happened to be in Jerusalem at the time.

Luke 23:1-7 (NLT)

Just then, as Pilate was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent him this message: "Leave that innocent man alone. I suffered through a terrible nightmare about him last night."

Matthew 27:19 (NLT)

²³ But the mob shouted louder and louder, demanding that Jesus be crucified, and their voices prevailed. ²⁴ So Pilate sentenced Jesus to die as they demanded. ²⁵ As they had requested, he released Barabbas, the man in prison for insurrection and murder. But he turned Jesus over to them to do as they wished.

Luke 23:23-25 (NLT)

Pilate saw that he wasn't getting anywhere and that a riot was developing. So he sent for a bowl of water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood. The responsibility is yours!"

Matthew 27:24 (NLT)

Pilate's selfish ambition led him to abandon his duty.

Jesus' singular ambition led Him to fulfill His.

²⁸ So, Jesus said, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man on the cross, then you will understand that I AM he. I do nothing on my own but say only what the Father taught me. ²⁹ And the one who sent me is with me—he has not deserted me. For I always do what pleases him."

John 8:28-29 (NLT)

⁹ Cheerfully pleasing God is the main thing, and that's what we aim to do, regardless of our conditions. ¹⁰ Sooner or later we'll all have to face God, regardless of our conditions. We will appear before Christ and take what's coming to us as a result of our actions, either good or bad.

2 Corinthians 5:9-10 (MSG)



When we look at the events surrounding Jesus, one thing is very clear... God genuinely cares about all people. That means everybody, not just the 'good' ones. Jesus was sent to earth with a very specific plan of action: to seek and save the lost. In this series, we'll see how Jesus persisted, seeking out and relating to people in a wide array of life-circumstances and offering something they desperately need. As we go, we'll also discover how He sees us and how He wants us to see others. ***This week: Jesus Went to the Politically Powerful.***

FIRST TIME GUESTS

We promise we're not going to make you stand up in front of everyone or track you down, but we'd love to know you were here today! Simply fill out your communication card in the seat back in front of you and check the "First Time Guest" box. On your way out, stop by Guest Services at the front doors and get your FREE welcome gift. **We're glad you are here!**

**WE'RE
SO GLAD
YOU JOINED
US TODAY!**

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We're honored when people choose to do church with us. New Hope is for anyone who wants to seek God - from those exploring if God even exists, to devoted Christ-followers. Wherever you are, you'll find we are committed to showing the love of Jesus and helping people establish a relationship with Him. We are casual, laid-back, and far from perfect. **ALL are welcome!**



World Vision
reaches one new
person with clean
water every
10 seconds.

**Let's help our friends at Antioch Baptist Church
change lives with their World Vision 6K!
Saturday, April 27th at 8 am
Burke Lake Park • 7315 Ox Road**

THIS SPRING, CHANGE A LIFE. Help advocates across the globe in this mission to bring life-changing clean water and fullness of life to children in communities around the world.

Walk, run, or push a stroller with our friends at Antioch Baptist and their World Vision Global 6K on April 27th. Each registration brings lasting clean water to a child, like the child on your race bib!

Register today at teamworldvision.org/team/antioch.

Summer **CAMP**

TAKEOVER STUDENTS CURRENTLY IN 6TH - 12TH GRADE

We're going to Watermarks Camp in Scottsville, Va. The cost is \$340, and includes transportation, lodging, meals, t-shirt, and a week full of fun, meaningful activities. We'll learn how to love one another through lessons from the book of Philipians. You can register before May 29th at bit.ly/tocamp2019 with a \$50 deposit. The final balance is due June 2nd. To find out more about the camp and all the fun activities planned, pick up a brochure at Guest services, the Spot, or at Takeover. Questions? Contact Megan.Sullivan@Newhope.org (Middle School) or Leah.Statham@Newhope.org (High School).

**JUNE 23RD THROUGH JUNE 28TH
REGISTER ONLINE AT BIT.LY/TOCAMP2019**

FINANCE UPDATE - MARCH OFFERING

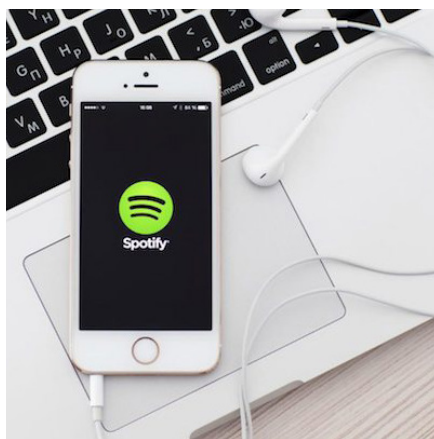
FEBRUARY BUDGET \$212,900

FEBRUARY ACTUAL \$236, 875

YTD BUDGET \$561,720

YTD ACTUAL \$552, 641

OVER/(UNDER) (\$9,079)



Have you ever sat in a weekend service and heard a song you wanted to listen to or buy, but didn't know the title or artist's name? Well, we've fixed that for you. On Spotify, you'll find the current pre-service playlist, as well as playlists from previous weekends. Spotify is free and easy to use. **Simply go to open.spotify.com/user/nhclorton** to get your free Spotify account and subscribe to follow New Hope Church.

Your broken bicycle can help break the cycle of poverty. New Hope Church, in partnership with Nica Bikes, is collecting bikes in any condition. The bikes are shipped to Nicaragua where young Nicaraguans are trained in repairing and selling the bikes, as well as the fundamentals of running a small business. The bike shop profits also help fund an orphanage and a thriving church in the community.

BIKE DRIVE

**April 27
10 am - 9 pm**

**April 28
8 am - 1 pm**



TELL YOUR FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS

We ♥ Our Volunteers

We love our volunteers and enjoy giving them a special shout out. This week, we'd like to recognize **Kim Steele**. Kim serves with The Landing as a small group leader for middle school girls. Her cheerful, enthusiastic personality puts the girls at ease and helps to create a space where all the girls feel accepted and welcomed. Kim is always willing to jump in where needed, including helping share about The Landing at community events. **Thank you, Kim!** If you are interested in serving in The Landing, please email wendy.hunt@newhope.org.



Join New Hope Church for another exciting group outing with the Potomac Nationals at Northwest Federal Field at Pfitzner Stadium. This fundraiser raises money for New Hope's work with Feed My Starving Children with each ticket sold! There are two ticket options – one that is just a ticket and another that is a ticket plus food voucher combo. The food voucher comes with your choice of a burger or hot dog, chips, and a soda. Children 5 and under attend the game free of charge (food not included). **To purchase your tickets go online to bit.ly/hitsforhunger2019 | Password is hope2019.**

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