Week 32 – The Humility Of Christ

1) Substitution: Jesus Died Our Death
2) Propitiation: Jesus Endured Our Condemnation
3) Reconciliation: Jesus Suffered Our Separation

Scripture: **Matthew: 26-27**

The Plot to Kill Jesus

26 Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings, *that* He said to His disciples, **2** "You know that after two days is the Passover, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified."

3 Then the chief priests, [a]the scribes, and the elders of the people assembled at the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, **4** and plotted to take Jesus by [b]trickery and kill *Him*. **5** But they said, "Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people."

The Anointing at Bethany

6 And when Jesus was in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, **7** a woman came to Him having an alabaster flask of very costly fragrant oil, and she poured *it* on His head as He sat *at the table*. **8** But when His disciples saw *it,* they were indignant, saying, "Why this waste? **9** For this fragrant oil might have been sold for much and given to *the* poor."

10 But when Jesus was aware of *it,* He said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a good work for Me. **11** For you have the poor with you always, but Me you do not have always. **12** For in pouring this fragrant oil on My body, she did *it* for My burial. **13** Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her."

Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus

14 Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests **15** and said, "What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?" And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver. **16** So from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him.

Jesus Celebrates Passover with His Disciples

17 Now on the first *day of the Feast* of the Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying to Him, "Where do You want us to prepare for You to eat the Passover?"

18 And He said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, "My time is at hand; I will keep the Passover at your house with My disciples." ' "

19 So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them; and they prepared the Passover.

20 When evening had come, He sat down with the twelve. 21 Now as they were eating, He said, "Assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me."

22 And they were exceedingly sorrowful, and each of them began to say to Him, "Lord, is it I?"

23 He answered and said, "He who dipped *his* hand with Me in the dish will betray Me. 24 The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born."

25 Then Judas, who was betraying Him, answered and said, "Rabbi, is it I?"

He said to him, "You have said it."

Jesus Institutes the Lord's Supper

26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, [c]blessed and broke *it,* and gave *it* to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."

27 Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. 28 For this is My blood of the [d]new covenant, which is shed for many for the [e]remission of sins. 29 But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."

30 And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial

31 Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will be [f]made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written:

'I will strike the Shepherd,
And the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'

32 But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee."

33 Peter answered and said to Him, "Even if all are [g]made to stumble because of You, I will never be made to stumble."

34 Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you that this night, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times."

35 Peter said to Him, "Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You!"

And so said all the disciples.

The Prayer in the Garden

[36] Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, “Sit here while I go and pray over there.” [37] And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed. [38] Then He said to them, “My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me.”

[39] He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You *will*.”

[40] Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, “What! Could you not watch with Me one hour? [41] Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak.”

[42] Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done.” [43] And He came and found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy.

[44] So He left them, went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words. [45] Then He came to His disciples and said to them, “Are *you* still sleeping and resting? Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. [46] Rise, let us be going. See, My betrayer is at hand.”

Betrayal and Arrest in Gethsemane

[47] And while He was still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the twelve, with a great multitude with swords and clubs, came from the chief priests and elders of the people.

[48] Now His betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him.” [49] Immediately he went up to Jesus and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed Him.

[50] But Jesus said to him, “Friend, why have you come?”

Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and took Him. [51] And suddenly, one of those *who were* with Jesus stretched out *his* hand and drew his sword, struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear.

[52] But Jesus said to him, “Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. [53] Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels? [54] How then could the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen thus?”

[55] In that hour Jesus said to the multitudes, “Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs to take Me? I sat daily with you, teaching in the temple, and you did not seize Me. [56] But all this was done that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.”

Then all the disciples forsook Him and fled.

Jesus Faces the Sanhedrin

57 And those who had laid hold of Jesus led *Him* away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. **58** But Peter followed Him at a distance to the high priest's courtyard. And he went in and sat with the servants to see the end.

59 Now the chief priests, [k]the elders, and all the council sought false testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, **60** [l]but found none. Even though many false witnesses came forward, they found none. But at last two [m]false witnesses came forward **61** and said, "This *fellow* said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.' "

62 And the high priest arose and said to Him, "Do You answer nothing? What *is it* these men testify against You?" **63** But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest answered and said to Him, "I put You under oath by the living God: Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God!"

64 Jesus said to him, "*It is as* you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven."

65 Then the high priest tore his clothes, saying, "He has spoken blasphemy! What further need do we have of witnesses? Look, now you have heard His blasphemy! **66** What do you think?"

They answered and said, "He is deserving of death."

67 Then they spat in His face and beat Him; and others struck *Him* with [n]the palms of their hands, **68** saying, "Prophesy to us, Christ! Who is the one who struck You?"

Peter Denies Jesus, and Weeps Bitterly

69 Now Peter sat outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came to him, saying, "You also were with Jesus of Galilee."

70 But he denied it before *them* all, saying, "I do not know what you are saying."

71 And when he had gone out to the gateway, another *girl* saw him and said to those *who were* there, "This *fellow* also was with Jesus of Nazareth."

72 But again he denied with an oath, "I do not know the Man!"

73 And a little later those who stood by came up and said to Peter, "Surely you also are *one* of them, for your speech betrays you."

74 Then he began to [o]curse and [p]swear, *saying,* "I do not know the Man!"

Immediately a rooster crowed. **75** And Peter remembered the word of Jesus who had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." So he went out and wept bitterly.

Jesus Handed Over to Pontius Pilate

27 When morning came, all the chief priests and elders of the people plotted against Jesus to put
Him to death. **2** And when they had bound Him, they led Him away and delivered Him to [q]Pontius
Pilate the governor.

Judas Hangs Himself

3 Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back
the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, **4** saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent
blood."

And they said, "What *is that* to us? You see *to it!*"

5 Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and hanged himself.

6 But the chief priests took the silver pieces and said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury,
because they are the price of blood." **7** And they consulted together and bought with them the
potter's field, to bury strangers in. **8** Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day.

9 Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying, "And they took the thirty pieces
of silver, the value of Him who was priced, whom they of the children of Israel priced, **10** and gave
them for the potter's field, as the LORD directed me."

Jesus Faces Pilate

11 Now Jesus stood before the governor. And the governor asked Him, saying, "Are You the King of
the Jews?"

Jesus said to him, "*It is as* you say." **12** And while He was being accused by the chief priests and elders,
He answered nothing.

13 Then Pilate said to Him, "Do You not hear how many things they testify against You?" **14** But He
answered him not one word, so that the governor marveled greatly.

Taking the Place of Barabbas

15 Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to releasing to the multitude one prisoner whom
they wished. **16** And at that time they had a notorious prisoner called [r]Barabbas. **17** Therefore, when
they had gathered together, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release to you? Barabbas,
or Jesus who is called Christ?" **18** For he knew that they had handed Him over because of envy.

19 While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent to him, saying, "Have nothing to do with
that just Man, for I have suffered many things today in a dream because of Him."

20 But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitudes that they should ask for Barabbas and
destroy Jesus. **21** The governor answered and said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to
release to you?"

They said, “Barabbas!”

22 Pilate said to them, “What then shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?”

They all said to him, “Let Him be crucified!”

23 Then the governor said, “Why, what evil has He done?”

But they cried out all the more, saying, “Let Him be crucified!”

24 When Pilate saw that he could not prevail at all, but rather *that* a [s]tumult was rising, he took water and washed *his* hands before the multitude, saying, “I am innocent of the blood of this [t]just Person. You see *to it*.”

25 And all the people answered and said, “His blood *be* on us and on our children.”

26 Then he released Barabbas to them; and when he had [u]scourged Jesus, he delivered *Him* to be crucified.

The Soldiers Mock Jesus

27 Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the [v]Praetorium and gathered the whole [w]garrison around Him. **28** And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him. **29** When they had [x]twisted a crown of thorns, they put *it* on His head, and a reed in His right hand. And they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” **30** Then they spat on Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the head. **31** And when they had mocked Him, they took the robe off Him, put His *own* clothes on Him, and led Him away to be crucified.

The King on a Cross

32 Now as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. Him they compelled to bear His cross. **33** And when they had come to a place called Golgotha, that is to say, Place of a Skull, **34** they gave Him [y]sour wine mingled with gall to drink. But when He had tasted *it,* He would not drink.

35 Then they crucified Him, and divided His garments, casting lots, [z]that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet:

“They divided My garments among them,
And for My clothing they cast lots.”

36 Sitting down, they kept watch over Him there. **37** And they put up over His head the accusation written against Him:

THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

38 Then two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and another on the left.

39 And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads 40 and saying, “You who destroy
the temple and build *it* in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the
cross.”

41 Likewise the chief priests also, mocking with the [aa]scribes and elders, said, 42 “He saved others;
Himself He cannot save. [ab]If He is the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we
will believe [ac]Him. 43 He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now if He will have Him; for He said, ‘I am
the Son of God.’ ”

44 Even the robbers who were crucified with Him reviled Him with the same thing.

Jesus Dies on the Cross

45 Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land. 46 And about the
ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” that is, “My God, My
God, why have You forsaken Me?”

47 Some of those who stood there, when they heard *that,* said, “This Man is calling for Elijah!”
48 Immediately one of them ran and took a sponge, filled *it* with sour wine and put *it* on a reed, and
offered it to Him to drink.

49 The rest said, “Let Him alone; let us see if Elijah will come to save Him.”

50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.

51 Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and
the rocks were split, 52 and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen
asleep were raised; 53 and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city
and appeared to many.

54 So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the
things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, “Truly this was the Son of God!”

55 And many women who followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to Him, were there looking on from
afar, 56 among whom were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and [ad]Joses, and the mother
of Zebedee’s sons.

Jesus Buried in Joseph’s Tomb

57 Now when evening had come, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself
had also become a disciple of Jesus. 58 This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then
Pilate commanded the body to be given to him. 59 When Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in
a clean linen cloth, 60 and laid it in his new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a
large stone against the door of the tomb, and departed. 61 And Mary Magdalene was there, and the
other Mary, sitting [ae]opposite the tomb.

Pilate Sets a Guard

62 On the next day, which followed the Day of Preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees gathered
together to Pilate, **63** saying, "Sir, we remember, while He was still alive, how that deceiver said, 'After
three days I will rise.' **64** Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third day, lest His
disciples come [af]by night and steal Him *away,* and say to the people, 'He has risen from the dead.' So
the last deception will be worse than the first."

65 Pilate said to them, "You have a guard; go your way, make *it* as secure as you know how." **66** So they
went and made the tomb secure, sealing the stone and setting the guard.