



Jesus
Days of Following

70 Days with Jesus

Book of Mark Reading Plan

Sunday #1

Day 1: Mark 1.1-13
Day 2: Mark 1.14-20
Day 3: Mark 1.21-45
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Day 5: Mark 2.18-28

Sunday #5

Day 1: Mark 8.1-13
Day 2: Mark 8.14-21
Day 3: Mark 8.22-26
Day 4: Mark 8.27-30
Day 5: Mark 8.31-9.1

Sunday #9

Day 1: Mark 12.13-27
Day 2: Mark 12.28-34
Day 3: Mark 12.35-44
Day 4: Mark 13.1-31
Day 5: Mark 13.32-37

Sunday #2

Day 1: Mark 3.1-12
Day 2: Mark 3.13-35
Day 3: Mark 4.1-20
Day 4: Mark 4.21-34
Day 5: Mark 4.35-41

Sunday #6

Day 1: Mark 9.2-13
Day 2: Mark 9.14-32
Day 3: Mark 9.33-37
Day 4: Mark 9.38-41
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Sunday #10

Day 1: Mark 14.1-11
Day 2: Mark 14.12-26
Day 3: Mark 14.27-42
Day 4: Mark 14.43-65
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Sunday #3

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Day 2: Mark 5.21-43
Day 3: Mark 6.1-6
Day 4: Mark 6.7-13
Day 5: Mark 6.14-29

Sunday #7

Day 1: Mark 10.1-12
Day 2: Mark 10.13-16
Day 3: Mark 10.17-31
Day 4: Mark 10.32-45
Day 5: Mark 10.46-52

Sunday #11

Day 1: Mark 15.1-20
Day 2: Mark 15.21-32
Day 3: Mark 15.33-41
Day 4: Mark 15.42-47
Day 5: Mark 16

Sunday #4

Day 1: Mark 6.30-44
Day 2: Mark 6.45-56
Day 3: Mark 7.1-23
Day 4: Mark 7.24-30
Day 5: Mark 7.31-37

Sunday #8

Day 1: Mark 11.1-11
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Day 3: Mark 11.20-26
Day 4: Mark 11.27-33
Day 5: Mark 12.1-12

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Sermon Schedule

Sunday #1

February 3, 2019 For the World

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February 10, 2019 Upside Down

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70 Days with Jesus - Sermon Notes

February 3, 2019

FOR THE WORLD

*Luke 3:1–2; Matthew 3:5–6; John 1:7–9, 15, 17, 19–27;
Matthew 3:7–8; John 1:28–29*

**BIG IDEA: JESUS CAME TO DO SOMETHING _____ FOR
THEWORLD.**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene— during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas,... Luke 3:1-2

*...The word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.
Luke 3:2*

People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. Matthew 3:5

*Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.
Matthew 3:6*

He came as a witness to testify concerning that Light, so that through him all might believe. John 1:7

John testified concerning Him... 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because He was before me.' John 1:15

For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. John 1:17

Now this was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. John 1:19

*He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, 'I am not the Messiah.'
John 1:20*

They asked him, 'Then who are you? Are you Elijah?'... John 1:21

... He said, 'I am not.' ... John 1:21

... 'Are you the prophet?'... John 1:21

He answered, 'No.'... John 1:22

...Finally they said, 'Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' John 1:22

John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, 'I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, "Make straight the way for the Lord."' John 1:23

Now the Pharisees who had been sent questioned him, 'Why then do you baptize if you are not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?' John 1:24-25

'I baptize with water,' John replied, 'but among you stands one you do not know.' John 1:26

'He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.' John 1:27

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them... Matthew 3:7

... 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.' Matthew 3:7-8

This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing. The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said,... John 1:28-29

... 'Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.' John 1:29

'This is the one I meant when I said, "A man who comes after me has surpassed me because He was before me."' John 1:30

Memory Verse

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!' John 1:29b

70 Days with Jesus - Group Discussion

WEEK 1- February 3: For The World

BIG IDEA: Jesus came to do something new for the world.

INTRODUCTION

Jesus didn't come to extend an old religion. He didn't come to clarify old truths. He didn't come just to preach sermons and offer wise teachings. The angel's announcement to Mary was that she would give birth to a son whose "kingdom would never end," it was clear: Jesus would do something new for the world.

ICEBREAKER

What influenced your first impressions of Jesus?
Was it church, movies, television, art?
How accurate were those first impressions?

KEY SCRIPTURE

John 1: 17, 19, 20-30

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Do you tend to view religion as a collection of laws (rules) or as a relationship with God defined by grace and truth? What shaped your view?
- Read the Key Scriptures. What, if anything, surprised you about Jesus?
- Is it difficult for you to believe that Jesus came to do something new for you? Why or why not?
- In what area or areas of your life do you need to believe that Jesus came to do something new? What next step can you take today to start believing this?

MOVING FORWARD

Jesus didn't enter the world in order to protect the status quo. He came to overturn it by changing our relationship with God. Jesus was the bridge between the old and new covenants. And He did it for the world.

- What is one thing you can do to make the most of the next 70 days and pursue a closer connection to Jesus?
How can this group support and encourage you?

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February 10, 2019

UPSIDE DOWN

Matthew 3:14; 4:1–10; Luke 4:13–14; Mark 10:45; Luke 9:25

**BIG IDEA: FROM THE BEGINNING, JESUS _____
_____ OF THE KINGDOM OF THIS _____;
HE CAME TO INTRODUCE A _____.**

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. Matthew 4:1

After fasting forty days and forty nights, He was hungry. Matthew 4:2

The tempter came to Him and said, 'If You are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.' Matthew 4:3

Jesus answered, 'It is written: "Man shall not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."' Matthew 4:4

Then the devil took Him to the holy city and had Him stand on the highest point of the temple. Matthew 4:5

'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw Yourself down. For it is written:...' Matthew 4:6

...'He will command His angels concerning You, and they will lift You up in their hands, so that You will not strike Your foot against a stone.'
Matthew 4:6

Jesus answered him, 'It is also written: "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' Matthew 4:7

Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. Matthew 4:8

'All this I will give You,' he said, 'if You will bow down and worship me.'
Matthew 4:9

Jesus said to him, 'Away from me, Satan! For it is written: "Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only."' Matthew 4:10

When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left Him until an opportune time. Luke 4:13

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about Him spread through the whole countryside. Luke 4:14

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many. Mark 10:45

What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self? Luke 9:25

Memory Verse

Jesus answered, "It is written: Man shall not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God." Matthew 4:4

70 Days with Jesus - Group Discussion

WEEK 2- February 10: Upside Down

BIG IDEA: From the beginning, Jesus resisted the ways of the Kingdom of this world; He came to introduce a new way.

INTRODUCTION

“Might makes right” is the default setting for the world. Those with wealth and power write the rules, and they usually write them to favor themselves. That was true in Jesus’ time as well. But He came to turn everything upside down.

ICEBREAKER

What are some examples from culture of powerful people going off the rails morally, ethically, or financially?

KEY SCRIPTURE

Matthew 4:1-10

Mark 10:24

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- In what ways are you tempted to put yourself ahead of others?
What does it take for you to resist those temptations?
- Read Matthew 4:1-10. What stands out to you in this story of Jesus resisting temptation? What details are surprising or new to you?
- Read Mark 10:24. Is it difficult for you to believe that Jesus came to serve you? Why or why not?

MOVING FORWARD

Jesus established a new, upside-down kingdom. Power would be leveraged for the powerless. Wealth would be leveraged for those in need. Influence would be leveraged for those without a voice. The first would be last and the last would be first.

- Read Luke 9:25. In what ways are you currently striving to ‘gain the world’? What is one thing you can do to let go of the striving and embrace Jesus’ upside-down kingdom? How can this group encourage you?

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February 17, 2019

FISH TRICKS

Luke 4:14–15, 40; Matthew 4:20,22; Luke 5:1–11; 1 Peter 2:23–24

...news about Him spread through the whole countryside. He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised Him. Luke 4:14-15

At sunset, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying His hands on each one, He healed them. Luke 4:40

At once they left their nets and followed Him. Matthew 4:20

...and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed Him. Matthew 4:22

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around Him and listening to the word of God. Luke 5:1

He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. Luke 5:2

He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then He sat down and taught the people from the boat. Luke 5:3

When He had finished speaking, He said to Simon,... Luke 5:4

... 'Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.' Luke 5:4

Simon answered, 'Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because You say so, I will let down the nets.' Luke 5:5

When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. Luke 5:6

So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. Luke 5:7

When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, 'Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!' Luke 5:8

For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Luke 5:9-10a

Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Don't be afraid; from now on...' Luke 5:10b

So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed Him. Luke 5:11

When they hurled their insults at Him, He did not retaliate; when He suffered, He made no threats... 1 Peter 2:23

... Instead, He entrusted Himself to Him who judges justly. 1 Peter 2:23

'He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness;...' 1 Peter 2:24

'...by His wounds you have been healed.' 1 Peter 2:24

BIG IDEA: WHATEVER YOUR _____ IS: TAKE IT!

Memory Verse

He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed. 1 Peter 2:24

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WEEK 3- February 17:

Fish Tricks

BIG IDEA: Whatever your next step is: Take it!.

INTRODUCTION

When you read the Gospels, two things are abundantly clear. Being a sinner doesn't actually disqualify you from following Jesus. And being an unbeliever doesn't disqualify you from following Jesus. So, what does that mean for you?

ICEBREAKER

Do you tend to be trusting or skeptical? How has that tendency positively or negatively affected your relationship with God?

KEY SCRIPTURE

Luke 5:1-11

1 Peter 2:23-24

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Read Luke 5:1-7. Have you ever chosen to trust God even though doing so didn't seem to make sense at the time? If so, what happened?
- Read Luke 5:8-11. Are you currently afraid that God is separating Himself from you because of your sin? How might your life and faith be different if you were able to put aside that fear and trust Him?
- Read 1 Peter 2:23-24. On a scale of 1 to 10, how well does your life reflect the truth that by Jesus' wounds you have been healed? What would it take to get you to a higher number?

MOVING FORWARD

What is your next step... coming back, confessing, reconciling, choosing purity, taking a year off, serving, giving? Whatever your next step is, take it. You don't know what hangs in the balance.

- In what area of your life do you need to dial up your trust in Jesus?

What is your best next step?

How can this group support and encourage you as you take that step?

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February 24, 2019

GREATER INDEED

*Matthew 5:17; 7:28–29; 12:1–2; Mark 2:27; Matthew 12:6; Mark 13:1–4;
1 Corinthians 6:19*

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them, but to fulfill them. Matthew 5:17

When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at His teaching, because He taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law. Matthew 7:28–29

At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry and began to pick some heads of grain and eat them. Matthew 12:1

When the Pharisees saw this, they said to Him, 'Look! Your disciples are doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath.' Matthew 12:2

'...The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.' Mark 2:27

'I tell you that something greater than the temple is here.' Matthew 12:6

... 'Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!' Mark 13:1

'Do you see all these great buildings?' replied Jesus. Mark 13:2

'Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down.' Mark 13:2

As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple,... Mark 13:3

... Peter, James, John and Andrew asked Him privately, 'Tell us, when will these things happen?' Mark 13:3-4

... 'Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down.' Mark 13:2

Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own. 1 Corinthians 6:19

BIG IDEA: THE _____ HAS BEEN _____.

Memory Verse

Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own.
1 Corinthians 6:19

70 Days with Jesus - Group Discussion

WEEK 4- February 24:

Greater Indeed

BIG IDEA: The Sacred has been commuted.

INTRODUCTION

Something in us is tempted to believe that God loves His law more than His people. We're tempted to prioritize rules over people. Maybe you left church because somebody prioritized the Bible over your divorced mother or atheist brother. But Jesus came to offer us a life greater than keeping religious rules.

ICEBREAKER

Have you ever had a bad religious experience? If so, to what extent was it caused by the church or people prioritizing the Bible or the law over you or other people?

KEY SCRIPTURE

Mark 13:1-4

1 Corinthians 6:19

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Why is it so tempting to think of faith as obeying God's rules rather than living in a growing relationship with Him?
- Read Mark 13:1-4. How aware were you of this story? What are your thoughts about the Temple being destroyed?
- Read 1 Corinthians 6:19. If following Jesus isn't about rule keeping, what does it mean for you to live as though your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit? What is required of you?
- With the arrival of Jesus, sacred has been commuted. There are no more sacred sites, objects, or geography. There are only sacred individuals. You may be married to or raising a sacred person. In what ways should that idea influence how you express your faith in the way you treat others?

MOVING FORWARD

Something greater than a temple or law has come into the world: the life and light of God, His only Son, Jesus. And Jesus offers you the same invitation He offered His first-century followers: 'Follow Me' ... Not because of faith, but because He has demonstrated His faithfulness.

- What is one thing you can do this week to take a first step or new step toward following Jesus?
How can this group support and encourage you as you take that step?

70 Days with Jesus - Sermon Notes

March 3, 2019

NEW WORLD ORDER

John 1:29; Luke 4:14–15; 7:16; 6:20; Matthew 5:13–14, 16–18, 21–22; 7:12, 28–29; 12:6; 28:18–20

... 'Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!'
John 1:29

...news about Him spread through the whole countryside. He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised Him. Luke 4:14–15

... 'A great prophet has appeared among us,' they said. 'God has come to help His people.' Luke 7:16

**BIG IDEA: JESUS PRESENTED THE OVERVIEW OF HIS
UPSIDE-DOWN, _____
COMMUNITY.**

... Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.
Luke 6:20

You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world...
Matthew 5:13-14

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. Matthew 5:17

For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Matthew 5:18

You have heard that it was said to the people long ago... But I tell you...
Matthew 5:21-22

So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets. Matthew 7:12

When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at His teaching, because He taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law. Matthew 7:28–29

I tell you that something greater than the temple is here. Matthew 12:6

Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to...' Matthew 28:18

Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me'. Matthew 28:18

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, Matthew 28:19

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Matthew 28:19

... and teaching them to obey everything... Matthew 28:20

... and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. Matthew 28:20

Memory Verse

For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Matthew 5:18

70 Days with Jesus - Group Discussion

WEEK 5– March 3: New World Order

BIG IDEA: Jesus presented the overview of His upside-down, not-of-this world community.

INTRODUCTION

If you aren't religious or you gave up religion, you probably had good reason to walk away or stay away. There are plenty of good reasons to reject religion. But reconsider Jesus. He wasn't an extension of the old religion. He came to introduce something brand new.

ICEBREAKER

Share a time when you felt like your reason was in conflict with religion. How did you respond?

KEY SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:3-12

Matthew 5:13-16

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Read Matthew 5:3-12. In what ways do these verses challenge our cultural values? Do you find Jesus' statements challenging or comforting? Why?
- Read Matthew 5:13-16. Is it difficult for you to believe that how you follow Jesus might have an eternal impact on the lives of others? Why or why not? If you took these verses to heart, how might it change your perspective and decision-making?
- What group of people is it tempting for you to exclude from Jesus' invitation to follow? What is one thing you can do to begin to see that group the way God does?
- Is your faith motivated by Old Testament rule keeping or by a personal relationship with God based on following Jesus? What would it look like for you to trust that God loves you as your heavenly Father? In what ways might it set you free?

MOVING FORWARD

Jesus came to fulfill the old and introduce the new. The old covenant was a divinely created and scripted cocoon from which God's love was revealed to the world. That was the purpose of God's relationship with Israel. The new covenant is the full expression of His love for the entire world. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life." Follow Him. That's the purpose of God's relationship with you.

- What can you do this week to start believing that truth?
How can this group support and encourage you as you take that step?

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March 10, 2019

JESUS AND THE DISENFRANCHISED

John 4

So He left Judea and went back once more to Galilee. Now He had to go through Samaria. John 4:3-4

So He came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to His son Joseph. John 4:5

Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as He was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. John 4:6

When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Will you give me a drink?' John 4:7

The Samaritan woman said to Him, 'You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?' (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) John 4:9

Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water.' John 4:10

'Sir,' the woman said, 'you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?' John 4:11

Jesus answered, 'Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again,' John 4:13

'but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.' John 4:14

He told her, 'Go, call your husband and come back.' 'I have no husband,' she replied. John 4:16-17

... Jesus said to her, 'You are right when you say you have no husband.' John 4:17

'The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.' John 4:18

The woman said, 'I know that Messiah' (called Christ) 'is coming. When He comes, He will explain everything to us.' John 4:25

Then Jesus declared, 'I, the one speaking to you—I am He.' John 4:26

Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, John 4:28

'Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?' John 4:29

**BIG IDEA: YOUR _____ WILL BE AS
SMALL AS THE _____ OF YOUR _____.**

Memory Verse

But whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life. John 4:14

70 Days with Jesus - Group Discussion

WEEK 6– March 10: Jesus and the Disenfranchised

BIG IDEA: Your view of God will be as small as the size of your table.

INTRODUCTION

We all have a natural tendency to surround ourselves with people who like us. Whether we are geeks, hipsters, Democrats or Republicans, we surround ourselves with people who are like us. But what is the cost of isolating ourselves from those who are different?.

ICEBREAKER

Who was your crew growing up? Were you in the band, part of the drama club, or some other group? How did being in that group influence how you viewed yourself?

KEY SCRIPTURE

John 4:1-26

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Talk about a time when you felt left out. How did you respond?
- Read John 4:1-26. The way Jesus treated the woman at the well demonstrated how God feels about all people. Is that difficult for you to believe? Why or why not?
- What are some of the things that inform the boundaries of your table? How do you decide who you surround yourself with?

MOVING FORWARD

We like people who like us and who are like us. The problem is, Jesus didn't do that and He wouldn't like that. When you have compassion for those who aren't in your bubble, you learn something about them and yourself.

Your view of God gets bigger when you make room at your table.

MOVING FORWARD

- Is there a person or group of people you need to get curious about and begin to ask some questions? If so, what questions would you ask that person or group? How would God want you to respond to that person or group?

How can this group support and encourage you as you take that step?

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March 17, 2019

NIC AT NIGHT

*Matthew 5:17; 7:28–29; 12:1–2; Mark 2:27; Matthew 12:6;
Mark 13:1–4; 1 Corinthians 6:19*

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. John 3:1

He came to Jesus at night and said, 'Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher who has come from God.' John 3:2

'For no one could perform the signs You are doing if God were not with him.' John 3:2

Jesus replied, 'Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.' John 3:3

'How can someone be born when they are old?' Nicodemus asked. 'Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!' John 3:4

Jesus answered, 'Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.' John 3:5

'Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.' John 3:6

'You should not be surprised at My saying, You must be born again. The wind blows wherever it pleases...' John 3:7-8

'...You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.' John 3:8

'How can this be?' Nicodemus asked. John 3:9

'You are Israel's teacher,' said Jesus, 'and do you not understand these things?' John 3:10

'Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in Him.' John 3:14-15

'Listen carefully to what I am about to tell you: The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men.' Luke 9:44

'Listen carefully to what I am about to tell you: The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men.' But they did not understand what this meant. Luke 9:44-45a

Οὕτω γὰρ ἠγάπησεν ὁ Θεὸς τὸν κόσμον,
ὥστε τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ τὸν μονογενῆ ἔδωκεν,
ἵνα πᾶς ὁ πιστεύων εἰς αὐτὸν μὴ ἀπόληται,
ἀλλ' ἔχη ζωὴν αἰώνιον.

For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world but to save the world through Him. John 3:17

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

**BIG IDEA: GOD _____ . GOD GAVE.
WE _____ . WE RECEIVE.**

Memory Verse

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

70 Days with Jesus - Group Discussion

WEEK 7– March 17: Nic at Night

BIG IDEA: God loved. God gave. We believe. We receive

INTRODUCTION

Jesus claimed to be greater than the temple. He made the temple obsolete. Most of His followers assumed His end game was to declare Himself King. The more discerning among them sensed something else was going on. Jesus spoke with authority, but refused to take charge. He wielded extraordinary power, but never for Himself. What was He up to?

ICEBREAKER

Can you think of an example from culture in which someone leveraged their power on behalf of others? Why is that kind of behavior so rare?

KEY SCRIPTURE

John 3:1-10

Luke 9:44-45

John 3:16-17

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Most of Jesus' followers expected Him to declare Himself King. Talk about some expectations you've had of Jesus. How did He meet or defy those expectations?
- Read John 3:1-10. The idea of a second birth challenged Nicodemus's assumptions about religion because it meant God's love and gift of salvation extended beyond Abraham's offspring. Share an example of people today acting as though they have exclusive rights to a relationship with God? Why is it so easy for people to fall into that pattern?
- Read Luke 9:44-45. In what ways has not understanding what Jesus is doing in your life or the world around you been an obstacle of your faith?
- Read John 3:16-17. What are some reasons it can be difficult for us to believe that God loves us so much that He sent Jesus to die for us? Why is it sometimes easier to believe that God condemns us?

MOVING FORWARD

God loved. God gave. We believe. We receive. Does that sound too simple? If so, it's because Jesus defies our expectations. "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him."
(John 3:17)

-What is one thing you can do this week to embrace the truth that God loves you, that He gave His only son on your behalf, and that all you have to do is believe in Jesus and receive His gift?

How can this group support and encourage you as you take that step?

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March 24, 2019

LEADING GREAT

*John 11:46–48, 53–54; 12:9–12, 19; 13:4, 8, 13–17;
Mark 10:32–38, 41–45*

But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. Then the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the Sanhedrin. John 11:46-47a

... 'What are we accomplishing?' they asked. 'Here is this man performing many signs.' John 11:47

'If we let Him go on like this, everyone will believe in Him and then the Romans will come and take away both our temple and our nation.'
John 11:48

So from that day on they plotted to take His life. John 11:53

Therefore Jesus no longer moved about publicly among the people of Judea. John 11:54a

...a large crowd of Jews found out that Jesus was there and came, not only because of Him but also to see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. John 12:9

So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well for on account of him many of the Jews were going over to Jesus and believing in Him.
John 12:10-11

The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem. John 12:12

So the Pharisees said to one another, 'See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after Him!' John 12:19

They were on their way up to Jerusalem, with Jesus leading the way...
Mark 10:32

... Again, He took the Twelve aside and told them what was going to happen to Him. Mark 10:32

'We are going up to Jerusalem,' He said, 'and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and teachers of the law.' Mark 10:33

They will condemn Him to death and will hand Him over to the Gentiles,...'
Mark 10:33

*'... Gentiles, who will mock Him and spit on Him, flog Him and kill Him.
Three days later He will rise.'* Mark 10:33-34

*Then, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him. 'Teacher,' they
said, 'we want you to do for us whatever we ask.'* Mark 10:35

'What do you want Me to do for you?' He asked. Mark 10:36

*They replied, 'Let one of us sit at Your right and the other at Your left in
Your glory.'* Mark 10:37

'You don't know what you are asking,' Jesus said. Mark 10:40

*When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and
John.* Mark 10:41

Jesus called them together and said,... Mark 10:42

*... 'You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord
it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them.'*
Mark 10:42

'Not so with you...' Mark 10:43

*'Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your
servant...'* Mark 10:43

'and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all.' Mark 10:44

*'For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve,
and to give His life as a ransom for many.'* Mark 10:45

**BIG IDEA: JESUS WAS THE _____ WHO CAME TO
_____ THE ORDER OF THINGS.**

...took off His outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around His waist.
John 13:4

'No,' said Peter, 'you shall never wash my feet.' John 13:8

'You call Me "Teacher" and "Lord," and rightly so, for that is what I am.'
John 13:13

*'Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also
should wash one another's feet.'* John 13:14

'I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.'
John 13:15

'Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.' John 13:16

'Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.'
John 13:17

Memory Verse

*For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve,
and to give His life as a ransom for many.* Mark 10:45

70 Days with Jesus - Group Discussion

WEEK 8– March 24:

Leading Great

BIG IDEA: Jesus was the King who came to reverse the order of things.

INTRODUCTION

Jesus came to introduce something brand new to the world for the world. This was a radical departure from the ways of the kingdom of this world. On the religious front, it involved replacing all that was in place.

ICEBREAKER

Share a time that you experienced a big change in your life that you thought would be negative but it turned out to be positive.

KEY SCRIPTURE

John 11:46-53

Mark 10:42-45

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Read John 11:46-53. Jesus came to replace all that was in place. How were the Pharisees trying to change that? In your opinion, how much did fear come into play when making their decision to take His life?
- Read Mark 10:42-43. Do you need to do a better job of serving someone? If so, how?
- If Christ-Followers embraced Jesus' words in Mark 10:42-45, how might it change the church's reputation in the world?
- If you redefined great leadership based on Jesus' upside-down definition, what would you have to change about how you lead whether it be at work, church, or in your home? What might you have to sacrifice? What might you gain?

MOVING FORWARD

Against all odds, the followers of a crucified teacher with no territory, military, or authority survived and multiplied. And they did so because they embraced a counterintuitive leadership principle: the first go last. That feels unnatural, but when we see it, we admire it. Christ-Followers are called to it. And it begins with a question: How can I help?

-Imagine how your family, workplace, or church might be different if you began practicing Jesus' upside-down leadership. As you consider these areas of your life, who do you need to ask, "How can I help?"

How can this group support and encourage you as you take that step?

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March 31, 2019

THE NEW COVENANT

John 11:57; Mark 14:2; John 12:12–13; Luke 22:4–6; Matthew 26:26, 28; Luke 22:19–20; Jeremiah 31:31–33; John 1:29; 3:16

But the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that anyone who found out where Jesus was should report it so that they might arrest Him. John 11:57

'But not during the festival,' they said, 'or the people may riot.' Mark 14:2

The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem. John 12:12

They took palm branches and went out to meet Him, shouting, 'Hosanna!' John 12:13

'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the king of Israel!' John 12:13

And Judas went to the chief priests and the officers of the temple guard and discussed with them how he might betray Jesus. Luke 22:4

They were delighted and agreed to give him money. He consented, and watched for an opportunity to hand Jesus over to them when no crowd was present. Luke 22:5-6

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, 'Take and eat; this is My body.' Matthew 26:26

... 'This is My body given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.' Luke 22:19

In the same way, after the supper He took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant...' Luke 22:20

'The days are coming,' declares the Lord, 'when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah.' Jeremiah 31:31

'It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt...' Jeremiah 31:32

'I will put My law in their minds and write it on their hearts.'

Jeremiah 31:33

'This cup is the new covenant in My blood which is poured out for you.'

Luke 22:20

'Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!' John 1:29

**BIG IDEA: JESUS _____ A NEW COVENANT
WITH _____ IN HIS OWN _____.**

Whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

Memory Verse

'The days are coming,' declares the Lord, 'when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah.

... I will put My law in their minds and write it on their hearts.'

Jeremiah 31:31, 33

70 Days with Jesus - Group Discussion

WEEK 9– March 31: The New Covenant

BIG IDEA: Jesus established a new covenant
with all mankind in His own blood.

INTRODUCTION

The words “unlimited” and “unconditional” make us suspicious. Whether those words describe an insurance policy, cell phone agreement, or meal plan for a college student, we assume unlimited is really limited and unconditional has some conditions. That suspicion extends to our relationship with God. Unconditional love? Unlimited forgiveness? There must be a catch. But what if there isn't?

ICEBREAKER

Have you ever been told an agreement, contract, or even a relationship was unconditional or unlimited only to discover there was a catch? What happened?

KEY SCRIPTURE

Luke 22:19-20

Jeremiah 31:31-33

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Have you ever experienced unconditional love? If not, do you think unconditional love is possible? Why or why not?
- What are some things that have influenced your assumptions about the terms and conditions of having a relationship with God?
- The Pharisees feared what Jesus might take away if He became King. What are some things you may be concerned that He might take away if you allowed Him to be King in your life? How can you overcome those concerns?
- Read Luke 22:19-20. It must have been very difficult for the disciples to understand that Jesus was replacing a system that had defined their entire relationship with God. Is it hard for you to believe Jesus did everything that was required for you to have a relationship with God? In which areas of your life do you still try to earn God's love?

MOVING FORWARD

Jesus initiated a new covenant, a new agreement between God and humanity. It includes every nation for every generation, fulfilling God's promise to Abraham and replacing God's covenant with Israel, it is unconditional and unlimited. And it's available to you.

-What is one thing you can do this week to more fully embrace your heavenly Father's unconditional love and unlimited forgiveness?
How can this group support and encourage you?

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April 7, 2019

THE ONE COMMANDS

*John 11:57; 12:12; Luke 22:6; Matthew 22:15–16, 24–25, 33–40;
John 13:34–35; Ephesians 4:32; 1 Corinthians 13:4–5; Philippians 2:5;
Ephesians 5:1–2; John 13:34*

*... the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that anyone who found out where Jesus was should report it so that they might arrest Him.
John 11:57*

He ...watched for an opportunity to hand Jesus over to them when no crowd was present. Luke 22:6

*Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap Him in His words.
They sent their disciples to Him... Matthew 22:15–16*

... 'Teacher,' they said, 'we know that You are a man of integrity and that You teach the way of God in accordance with the truth...' Matthew 22:16

... 'You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are.' Matthew 22:16

*'Teacher,' they said, 'Moses told us that if a man dies without having children, his brother must marry the widow and raise up offspring for him.'
Matthew 22:24*

*'Now there were seven brothers among us. The first one married and died, and since he had no children, he left his wife to his brother.'
Matthew 22:25*

When the crowds heard this, they were astonished at His teaching. Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. Matthew 22:33-34

*One of them, an expert in the law, tested Him with this question:
'Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?'
Matthew 22:35-36*

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment.' Matthew 22:37-38

'And the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself."'

Matthew 22:39

'All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.'

Matthew 22:40

'A new command I give you: Love one another...' John 13:34

... *'As I have loved you, so you must love one another.'* John 13:34

'By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another.' John 13:35

**BIG IDEA: JESUS REVEALS THE OVERARCHING _____
FOR HIS _____ MOVEMENT: AS I HAVE
LOVED YOU, _____.
THIS WOULD BE THE MARK OF THE NEW COVENANT.**

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:32

Love is patient, love is kind...It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking ... 1 Corinthians 13:4–5

In your relationships with one another,... Philippians 2:5

Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us. Ephesians 5:1–2

Memory Verse

As I have loved you, so you must love one another. John 13:34

70 Days with Jesus - Group Discussion

WEEK 10 – April 7: The One Commands

BIG IDEA: Jesus reveals the overarching ethic for His new covenant movement: as I have loved you, love one another. This would be the mark of the new covenant.

INTRODUCTION

Jesus came to offer something entirely new to the world: a new covenant that would forever change humankind's relationship to God. And with that new covenant came a new ethic.

ICEBREAKER

Has someone in your life... Leader, parent, teacher, coach, or boss ever put your needs ahead of their own? If so, what impression did that leader leave on you?

KEY SCRIPTURE

Matthew 22:34-40

John 13:34-35

Ephesians 5:1-2

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Read Matthew 22:34-40. Jesus presented a radical change in how the faithful should understand their relationship with God and one another. Faith is expressed in your vertical relationship with God and your horizontal relationship with people. If you took it to heart, how would Jesus' new command change the way you view your faith?
- Love for God is best illustrated, demonstrated, and authenticated by love for others. What would it look like to truly love one another the way Jesus loves us?
- Read John 13:34-35. The new covenant has one command: 'As I have loved you, so you must love one another.' How does this new command make following Jesus less complicated, but more demanding than obeying the old covenant?

- In the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37), Jesus redefined 'neighbor' to include everyone we come into contact with. We all know people who are difficult to love. What does love require of you as you interact with that person?

MOVING FORWARD

Jesus' new command, "As I have loved you, so you must love one another." It sounds as countercultural and revolutionary to our ears as it did to Jesus' disciples when they first heard it. It's way less complicated than the old covenant, but way more challenging.

-What is one thing you can do this week to live out Jesus' new command by extending to the people around you the kind of grace Jesus has extended to you? If you follow through, how do you think it might change the dynamic in your family, at work, in your friendships, and in your relationship with God? How can this group support and encourage you?

70 Days with Jesus - Sermon Notes

April 14, 2019

THE PILATE CHRONICLES

*John 12:19; Mark 14:50, 53, 55–56, 60–65; 15:1; John 18:28–31, 33–37;
Luke 23:4–5, 14–16, 18; John 19:1–8; Mark 15:5; John 19:10–16;
Mark 15:22–24; John 19:39–40; Matthew 27:62–66*

... ‘See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after Him!’ John 12:19

Then everyone deserted him and fled. Mark 14:50

They took Jesus to the high priest, and all the chief priests, the elders and the teachers of the law came together. Mark 14:53

The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus so that they could put Him to death, but they did not find any. Mark 14:55

Many testified falsely against Him, but their statements did not agree. Mark 14:56

Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, ‘Are You not going to answer?’ But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer. Mark 14:60-61

Again the high priest asked Him, ‘Are You the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?’ Mark 14:61

‘I am,’ said Jesus... Mark 14:62

The high priest tore his clothes. ‘Why do we need any more witnesses?’ he asked. ‘You have heard the blasphemy.’ Mark 14:63-64

They all condemned Him as worthy of death. Mark 14:64

Then some began to spit at Him; they blindfolded Him, struck Him with their fists, and said, ‘Prophecy!’ And the guards took Him and beat Him. Mark 14:65

Very early in the morning, the chief priests, with the elders, the teachers of the law and the whole Sanhedrin, made their plans... Mark 15:1

...So they bound Jesus, led Him away and handed Him over to Pilate. Mark 15:1

By now it was early morning, and to avoid ceremonial uncleanness they did not enter the palace, because they wanted to be able to eat the Passover. John 18:28

So Pilate came out to them and asked, 'What charges are you bringing against this man?' John 18:29

'If He were not a criminal,' they replied, 'we would not have handed Him over to you.' John 18:30

Pilate said, 'Take Him yourselves and judge Him by your own law.' John 18:31

'But we have no right to execute anyone,' they objected. John 18:31

Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked Him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' John 18:33

'Is that your own idea,' Jesus asked, 'or did others talk to you about Me?' John 18:34

'Am I a Jew?' Pilate replied. 'Your own people and chief priests handed You over to me. What is it You have done?' John 18:35

Jesus said, 'My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, My servants would fight to prevent My arrest by the Jewish leaders.' John 18:36

'You are a king, then!' said Pilate. John 18:37

Then Pilate announced to the chief priests and the crowd, 'I find no basis for a charge against this man.' Luke 23:4

But they insisted, 'He stirs up the people all over Judea by His teaching. He started in Galilee and has come all the way here.' Luke 23:5

'You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have examined Him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against Him.' Luke 23:14

'Neither has Herod, for he sent Him back to us; as you can see, He has done nothing to deserve death.' Luke 23:15

'Therefore, I will punish Him and then release Him.' Luke 23:16

But the whole crowd shouted, 'Away with this man!' Luke 23:18

Then Pilate took Jesus and had Him flogged. John 19:1

The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on His head. John 19:2

They clothed Him in a purple robe and went up to Him again and again, saying, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' And they slapped Him in the face.
John 19:2-3

Once more Pilate came out and said to the Jews gathered there, 'Look, I am bringing Him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against Him.' John 19:4

As soon as the chief priests and their officials saw Him, they shouted, 'Crucify! Crucify!' John 19:6

But Pilate answered, 'You take Him and crucify Him. As for me, I find no basis for a charge against Him.' John 19:6

The Jewish leaders insisted, 'We have a law, and according to that law He must die, because He claimed to be the Son of God.' John 19:7

When Pilate heard this, he was even more afraid, and he went back inside the palace. John 19:8-9

... Pilate was amazed. Mark 15:5

'Do You refuse to speak to me?' Pilate said. 'Don't You realize I have power either to free You or to crucify You?' John 19:10

Jesus answered, 'You would have no power over Me if it were not given to you from above.' John 19:11

From then on, Pilate tried to set Jesus free... John 19:12

...but the Jewish leaders kept shouting, 'If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar.'
John 19:12

When Pilate heard this, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judge's seat at a place known as the Stone Pavement... it was about noon. John 19:13-14

...'Here is your king,' Pilate said to the Jews. But they shouted, 'Take Him away! Take Him away! Crucify Him!...' John 19:14-15

...'Shall I crucify your king?' Pilate asked... John 19:15

...'We have no king but Caesar,' the chief priests answered. John 19:15

Finally Pilate handed Him over to them to be crucified. So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. John 19:16

They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha... Then they offered Him wine mixed with myrrh, but He did not take it. Mark 15:22-23

And they crucified Him. Mark 15:24a

BIG IDEA: WHEN JESUS DIED, EVERYBODY _____.
HE CLAIMED TOO MUCH ABOUT _____.
HE WAS THE MESSAGE.

...Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds... John 19:39

...Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs. John 19:39

The next day, the one after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees went to Pilate. Matthew 27:62

'Sir,' they said, 'we remember that while He was still alive that deceiver said, "After three days I will rise again."' Matthew 27:63

'So give the order for the tomb to be made secure until the third day...' Matthew 27:64

... 'Otherwise, His disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people that He has been raised from the dead. This last deception will be worse than the first.' Matthew 27:64

'Take a guard,' Pilate answered. 'Go, make the tomb as secure as you know how.' Matthew 27:65

So they went and made the tomb secure by putting a seal on the stone and posting the guard... Matthew 27:66

Memory Verse

... Again the high priest asked Him, 'Are You the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?' 'I am,' said Jesus... Mark 14:61-62

70 Days with Jesus - Group Discussion

WEEK 11 – April 14: The Pilate Chronicles

BIG IDEA: When Jesus died, everyone un-followed. He claimed too much about Himself. He was the message.

INTRODUCTION

At Passover, Jesus gathered His followers and spelled out a new relational agreement between God and humankind. “As I have loved you, so you must love one another.” But Jesus wasn’t celebratory. He seemed troubled. Initiating this new covenant with God would require sacrifice. What came next would confuse His followers and scatter them.

ICEBREAKER

Share a time when you were in a situation where the ending was better than you had expected.

KEY SCRIPTURE

Mark 14:61-65

John 19:10-12

John 18:31

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Read Mark 14:61-65. What implications did Jesus’ answer to the Sanhedrin’s questions have for the old covenant? Why do you think they responded so violently to His words.
- Read John 19:10-12. What do these verses reveal about the nature of power? Why does Jesus seem to have greater authority than Pilate, even though He’s in a position of weakness?
- Throughout the story, we watch Jesus surrender: He didn’t fight in the garden, He was silent when the Pharisees questioned Him, and He didn’t defend Himself to Pilate. How hard is giving up control for you? What keeps you from trusting God and surrendering more to Him?

- Jesus' actions in His final days were unexpected and hard for His followers to understand. Have you ever expected that God would do something that He didn't do? How did this affect your belief in Him?

MOVING FORWARD

After the crucifixion, even Jesus' closest followers expected Him to stay dead. They had no idea that the next few hours would change the course of history. For what the Pharisees and Pilate intended as an end, was just the beginning of something new.

-This week spend some time reading and reflecting on John 19:1-16, Mark 15:22-24, and Matthew 27:62-66.
Share with the group what you learned.