

Remembering Jesus' Sacrifice on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday

After three days of teaching, Jesus gathers privately with his disciples to observe the Jewish Passover meal. During his time with them, he institutes what we now observe as the Lord's Supper, or Communion. As they sit together, Jesus gives them a new command to "love one another." Soon after, in the Garden of Gethsemane Jesus is arrested, tried, and finally crucified. All throughout these events, Jesus demonstrates humility and displays the kind of servant Messiah he is. Join us as we study Jesus' sacrifice and the example he sets for us on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Together we'll discuss the origins and meaning of these holy days in Scripture, re-examine our expectations, and reflect on Jesus Christ's example and its influence on our mindset and behavior today.

AWARENESS Before listening reflect on what you already know or understand about topics we'll cover in the episode.

- How would you define the term "Maundy"?
- Have you ever been to a Maundy Thursday or Good Friday worship service? If so, what particular songs or practices from these services have been particularly meaningful for you?



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READ [John 13:34-35](#), [Mark 15:1-15](#), [Matthew 27:45-50](#)

REFLECTION After listening, consider the following questions:

- Read the whole story of Jesus' last Passover meal with his disciples in [John 13](#). List the examples of Jesus' love, servanthood, and sacrifice you see throughout the passage. Then consider host Scott Hoezee's questions from segment 1: "What is today's equivalent of foot washing? How do we serve each other today in a way that is parallel to this?" How can we show the extent of our love for others as Jesus' disciples?
- In segment 2, Scott and host Darrell Delaney discuss the crowd's change in chant from "Hosanna!" to "Crucify him!" They observe that Jesus was not the insurrectionist Messiah—the one to overthrow Rome—that they had expected. Reflect on what Darrell said next; "We do the same thing when we have an agenda, where we ask God to do things, and he doesn't appear or manifest or answer our prayers in the way that we expect, we sometimes turn our attitude and our heart; and we should be the ones who repent from that kind of thing and allow the Father's will to be our will, just like Jesus did here." When have you found this to be true in your spiritual life? What do you think it means to repent from this type of attitude or expectation?
- Read [Psalm 22](#). What parallels can you find between King David's experience in this Psalm and the events of Good Friday?

- As segment 3 closes, Darrell says, “Sunday is definitely coming; but the issue is that we don’t leap over all the drama, all the problems, all the darkness, all the shadow of death...we don’t leap over that; we go through the valley of the shadow of death, and Jesus is actually going through that through Passion Week, showing us that he is willing to make the ultimate sacrifice for us.” Reflect on this quote. How does it help you better understand the purpose and intentional rhythm of Holy Week? How does dwelling on our sin and Christ’s pain and sacrifice benefit our spiritual life?

RELATED PASSAGES for further study

[1 John 4:7-12](#), [Isaiah 53](#), [Psalm 22:1](#), [1 Corinthians 15:45-49](#), [Philippians 2:5-8](#), [Romans 5:6-8](#)

CONCLUSION

In segment 3, Scott and Darrell identify three main ideas we draw from our study of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday in Scripture.

1. This was the most important week in the history of the world. This is where the devil is defeated and where Jesus wins the victory through death...the image of God that was smeared and distorted by the sin of Adam and Eve, that image is being restored in us now.
2. Christ’s obedience is our example...This whole story of Jesus on the cross, that is not just something to look at and appreciate. No; those are your marching orders: Have the same mindset of Jesus Christ. So, serve one another. It goes back to what we thought about on Maundy Thursday. The new command: Love one another.
3. This isn’t the end...the resurrection did occur, our life is worth living, and it is meaningful.

Reflect, respond, and pray over those three main ideas; use the following questions as prompts for your time of reflection and prayer: Did one of these ideas resonate within your heart and mind as you listened? Which one challenges and encourages you? Do any of the main ideas stir relief or gratitude in you?

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