



SERMON NOTES

Week 6 March 26 2023

“Storms of Life”

Mark 1:15; 11:8–11, 18; 12:12, 14–17, 34;
13:1–2, 14:1, 12-13, 17, 22–24, 48–50



I. Introduction / Review

- A. _____ often deteriorates as our circumstances deteriorate.
- B. Jesus said “The time has come, the Kingdom of God is _____, repent and believe the good news.”
- C. Jesus said “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to _____, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

II. The Final Week

- A. The religious leaders were looking for a way to _____ Jesus.
- B. The religious leaders were in no position to criticize Jesus, because they were carrying around, on the Temple Mount, idolatrous, imperial _____.
- C. Jesus predicts the destruction of the Jewish _____ and he explains it in extraordinary detail.
- D. Jesus said he had come to make a Covenant between God and _____ people.

III. Application

- A. Just like the disciples, in those moments when our circumstances deteriorate, faith is quickly replaced with _____.
- B. The very men who abandoned Jesus would risk the rest of their lives, to ensure that we can know with certainty that God is _____.

Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message



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INTRODUCTION

Many times, our faith deteriorates as our circumstances deteriorate. When that happens, our faith is quickly overcome by fear, and the future looks dark. The apostle Peter experienced this, and he temporarily fled his faith in Jesus.

Monday: Job 1 (full chapter)

Job experienced unimaginable tragedies in his life and yet he did not lose faith or confidence in God. Has your faith or confidence in God ever been tested? Did you pass? Did you emerge with your faith intact? If so, why? If not, why? Why does our faith have a tendency to rise and fall with circumstances? Did you come to faith in the midst of good times or bad times?

Tuesday: James 1:1-5

In this passage, James gives us advice on how to persevere in tough times. What stands out to you in v.2? Why? In addition to your faith being exercised and strengthened, what other positive outcome might result from your current trial(s)?

Wednesday: Psalm 23, Isaiah 43:1-3

Psalm 23 reminds us that when we walk through the darkest valleys of life God is with us. And Isaiah reminds us that when we walk through the fire we will not be consumed and when we walk through the flood waters we won't be overwhelmed because God is with us. Is it hard for you to believe that God is with you even when He seems silent and not active in your life?

Thursday: Mark 14:48-50

After the Passover dinner, Jesus and his disciples go to the Garden of Gethsemane. This is where Judas brings the Temple guard to arrest Jesus. What stands out to you about this passage? What are some reasons everyone deserted Jesus and fled? Leveraging Mark's words, have you ever "deserted" faith and "fled"? If so, why? If not, why not?

Friday: 1 Peter 1:3-9

The book of 1 Peter is basically a letter of encouragement to Christians who are suffering. The themes of suffering and hope come together in this letter right from the first chapter. What serves as the anchor or stabilizing force for Peter's faith? What role does suffering play in the life of a believer?

MOVING FORWARD

It's human nature to assume the worst about God when circumstances are at their worst. It can seem as if God is far away or not there at all. In the darkest hours, even Peter believed this for a time. But God was near to Peter, and he is near to us as well.

Answers to the sermon notes: IA) Faith, B) near, C) serve. IIA) kill, B) money, C) Temple, D) all. IIIA) fear, B) near.