



SERMON NOTES

Week 5 April 13, 2025

"Final Words"

John 13:34-35, 15:12-13, 17, 19:26-30; Luke 22:24-26, 42, 23:43, 46;

Mark 10:43-45, 15:25; Romans 3:23-24; Psalm 22:1-2

I. Review/Introduction

A. Over the past 4 weeks, we have studied the teaching and preaching of _____ from the Gospels.

- Week 1 – The Kingdom of God
- Week 2 - The Sermon on the Mount
- Week 3 – The Parables of Jesus
- Week 4 – The "I Am" Sayings of Jesus

B. In the final 24 hours of Jesus' life, he wanted to communicate what he believed was very _____ for his friends and followers to hear.

II. The Last Supper and the Garden of Gethsemane

A. At the Last Supper, Jesus tells the disciples that the central ethic of the Kingdom of God is to _____ one another.

B. Jesus says the way of life in the kingdom - and how we see the kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven - is to adopt the mentality of a _____.

C. Jesus prayed 'not my will, but your _____ be done' when he knew it would cost him his life.

III. Words from the Cross

A. During the six hours Jesus was being crucified, he made _____ statements.

B. Jesus not only gives us forgiveness but he asks that we _____ others.

C. Jesus understands how we are _____, when it seems that God has abandoned us.

D. Although Jesus felt forsaken by God, he says 'I am still going to _____ you.'

Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message



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INTRODUCTION

Like anyone who knows they are dying, Jesus wanted to communicate what he believed was very important for his friends and followers to hear. Jesus communicates several important ideas about the way of life in the Kingdom of God during the Last Supper and in the Garden of Gethsemane. Then he makes seven important statements from the cross. But what do these words mean for us today?

Monday: Mark 2:1-11, 3:1-6

Some Christians erroneously think Jesus' death was the only thing that "allowed" God to forgive sins. But Jesus didn't tell the paralyzed man, "Come back after I've died - THEN I can forgive your sins." And Israel's God had always said forgiveness was a central part of his character and covenant (cf. Exodus 34:5-7). How did Jesus' death dramatically show God's eternal willingness to forgive, rather than creating a "legal" basis for forgiveness?

Tuesday: Mark 10:35-45

Mark 10:45 probably showed Jesus applying Isaiah 53 to himself (he also did that in Luke 22:37). "God's power is at its greatest not in his destruction of the wicked but in his taking all the wickedness of the earth into himself and giving back love." * What does Jesus' way of defeating evil as the Suffering Servant tell you about how God's power works?

Wednesday: Mark 9:30-32, John 14:1-3, 8-9, 19

Jesus' teaching was direct: "He is simply trying to tell them what he can see is going to happen. He will be handed over; he will be killed; he will rise again. Why couldn't they understand?... nobody at all believed that, if and when God did send [a Messiah], that Messiah would have to suffer, still less have to die." ** How do you keep your mind and heart open to however God works, whether it fits your expectations or not?

Thursday: Matthew 16:16-26, John 13:3-15

Peter, like almost all first-century Jews, expected a conquering Messiah, a figure of intimidating power. That made it hard for him to grasp Jesus' teaching about his self-sacrificing mission. What assumptions about life, success and greatness do you have that make it harder for you to accept Jesus' teaching about a truly great human life? What has helped you move beyond those inherited assumptions?

Friday: John 10:14-18

One thing all four gospels made a point of is that Jesus intentionally went to Jerusalem before that fateful Passover. John even showed that the disciples knew this wasn't a good idea. But Jesus went, not for himself but for the sake of his "sheep," the ones already in his flock and all the others he wanted to reach. When have you sensed that you matter that much to Jesus?

MOVING FORWARD

The words that Jesus speaks in the final 24 hours of his life are meant to be internalized by our hearts; and form and shape who we are as human beings. He calls us to love one another and to serve one another. He calls us to not only receive His forgiveness, but to then forgive others. He reminds us that in our darkest moments, when it feels like God has abandoned us, He hasn't. Then He shows us to put our trust in Him. This is the way of life in His kingdom.

Answers to the sermon notes: IA) Jesus, B) important. IIA) love, B) servant, C) will. IIIA) seven, B) forgive, C) feeling, D) trust.

* T. Desmond Alexander and Brian S. Rosner, ed. *The New Dictionary of Biblical Theology*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2000, p. 222.

** N. T. Wright, *Mark for Everyone*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2004, p. 123