

LENT

Week 4 | March 14 Sermon

Betrayed, Denied, Deserted | Mt. 26:47-56

Overarching Lenten Application Questions:

What distractions will I reduce or remove from my life in order to heartfully, soulfully, and mindfully journey with Jesus to the cross in this Lenten season?

What specific steps/actions will I take to heartfully, soulfully, and mindfully journey with Jesus to the cross each day of this Lenten season?

How will I “deny myself and take up my cross” to follow Jesus to the cross this Lenten season?

Sanctuary Discussion Questions (Tom Vander Well):

Lenten check-in: Where are you on the spectrum of "Lenten Veteran" to "Lenten Amateur," how has your experience, or lack thereof, influenced your Lenten journey this year?

1. Tom talked about Lent being "personal" rather than "prescriptive," where are you personally and spiritually as we approach Holy Week and Easter this year?
2. It was suggested that Judas may have defaulted to the orthodoxy and tradition with which he was comfortable. How might orthodoxy and tradition be an obstacle to what the Spirit of God is attempting to do within a church family? Within me personally?
4. John was the only one of the disciples who showed up at the cross. Why? What allowed John to behave so differently than the other 11 disciples?
5. It's common for individuals who have not participated in the Lenten journey from the beginning to feel that they are "disqualified" from joining the journey in the midst of the season. Do you identify with that? There were characters in the passion that arrived late in the story, but whose lives may have forever been changed (Simon of Cyrene, the thief on the cross, the centurion at the foot of the cross). How might one enter into "enter in" to the story and the season of Lent even today?

Auditorium Discussion Questions (Ali Cranmer):

1. Have you ever read the bible in the way that the auditorium service did?
2. What did you notice this time?
3. How did the story change when you got the background information?
4. Was it hard for you remove lens' while reading?
5. What did the LORD have for you in this experience?