

LENT

Week 5 | March 21 Sermon | The Silence of the Lamb | Isaiah 53:7 & Matt. 26:59-63

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 (Phil DeBoef):

1. Have you ever thought of silence as being powerful? Describe a time when silence was very potent.
2. Have you ever thought of silence as being strategic? Describe an occurrence when this was true.
3. Within the text of Matthew 26:59-63, how would you say that Jesus’ silence was both potent and strategic?
4. Read Mark 14:60-62. In Mark’s account, Jesus broke the silence with two simple words, “I AM!” How can this response encourage us in moments when heaven has seemed silent?
5. In your journaling this week, perhaps you could make a list of the “I AM” statements of the Old and New Testaments, then make a personal application to your current life status.

Auditorium Discussion Questions (Brian Vande Lune):

1. Did the experience of seeing the scripture from Isaiah 53 done in sign language resonate at all with you?
2. Mark 14:55-61

Matthew 27:11-14

Luke 23:8-10

Can you picture the scene of Jesus’ trials? Can you hear the unruly mob? Can you feel the hatred??

Can you see that even in his silence, Jesus is still the one in control of the entire situation?

3. How do you typically react when you are attacked?
4. Do you typically go to prayer first when you’re troubled or unsure of future events? Or is that a last resort?
5. How does knowing that Jesus faced all the same Temptations and trials you do, and that he overcame them, help you to better face your situations? Scripture reference: Hebrews 4:14-16
6. Have you considered that Jesus’ silence was because he was drinking a cup of wrath that was intended for you?

Spend some time together in prayer thanking Jesus for what he has endured on your behalf. Also spend some time praising him for the victory of the cross!