

PALM SUNDAY

JESUS & THE OUTSIDERS, OUTCASTS, & THE OUTLAWS--PART VI

SERMON TITLE: HOW TO RESPOND TO SUFFERING

SERMON THEME: JESUS PRAYS

JESUS OFFERED A CLEAR MESSAGE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY FOR THE OUTSIDER, OUTCAST, AND OUTLAW AND HE FOCUSED ON CALLING THEM TO RETURN TO GOD.

LUKE 5:32

- **AS JESUS PREPARED HIS DISCIPLES FOR HIS DEATH, HE REMINDED THEM THAT HIS MISSION MUST BE FULFILLED AS HE LED THEM TO THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE.**

LUKE 22:37

- **JESUS IN HIS FINAL HOURS EXTENDS FORGIVENESS TO THOSE CRUCIFYING HIM AND OFFERING WORDS OF COMFORT AND PROMISE.**

LET US SEE HOW JESUS REACHES OUT TO THOSE WHO ARE LOST EVEN IN HIS LAST HOURS.

I) JESUS PREPARATION AND PRAYER.

LUKE 22:39-41

- **AFTER THE LAST SUPPER JESUS AND THE DISCIPLES GO TO THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE TO PRAY, KNOWING THE SUFFERING THAT AWAITS HIM.**

LUKE 22:42-44

- **GOD HEARS OUR PRAYERS BUT OUR PRAYERS MUST ALWAYS ALIGN WITH GOD'S WILL AND NOT YOUR WILL.**

LUKE 22:45-46

- **JESUS STUGGLED AND WAS AFRAID AND EXPERIENCED ANXIETY AND ANGUISH, AND HIS RESPONSE TO THIS FEAR WAS TO PRAY.**
- **THE ARREST**
- **THE DENIAL**
- **THE TRIAL**
- **CRUCIFIED**

THREE FINAL WORDS FROM THE CROSS IN LUKE

II) FATHER FORGIVE THEM...

LUKE 23:34

- JESUS PRAYS FOR HIS FATHER TO FORGIVE YOU AND ME.

ROMANS 5:6-8

- WE ALL STAND IN NEED OF SAVING GRACE.

III) TODAY YOU WILL BE WITH ME IN PARADISE.

LUKE 23:43

- JESUS TELLS THIS CRIMINAL THAT HE WILL BE WITH HIM IN DEATH NOT BECAUSE HE HAS DONE ANYTHING, BUT BECAUSE HE ASKED FOR HIS GRACE.

EPHESIANS 2:8-9

- JESUS REMEMBER ME WHEN YOU COME INTO YOUR KINGDOM!

IV) INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT.

LUKE 23:46

- LUKE SHOWS US HOW JESUS PRACTICED PRAYER BY USING THE SCRIPTURES AS A MODEL FOR PRAYER.

PSALM 31:5

- WHAT IF YOU USED THESE WORDS OF JESUS AND MADE THEM YOUR PRAYER WHEN YOU ARE IN TIMES OF STRESS?

WHEN JESUS PRAYS HE SHOWS US THAT GOD WILL REACH OUT AND RESPOND TO THE LOST, THE LAST, AND THE LEAST.

HEBREWS 4:16