

On Wednesday, Jesus has had enough. He spoke out against the scribes and Pharisees. This prompted the leaders to go to the highest level, Caiaphas, the chief priest, to begin the plans to kill Jesus. On this day, we found the willingness of Judas Iscariot to betray his Lord for a bit of pocket change. Jesus, while all of this happened remained with friends in Bethany, gathering strength and fellowship with them. Jesus knows what lies ahead of him.

Today, as we move one day closer toward the resurrection of our Lord, we are given this opportunity to imagine the sights, sounds, feels, tastes, and smells as Jesus walked this road to everlasting life for us. It was a hard walk, hard week; but in faith, Jesus kept moving forward for us. This week let's keep walking with him!

THURSDAY: SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Thursday morning, Jesus sent two disciples into the city to arrange a place for them to observe the Passover. That evening while they were together in the Upper Room, the disciples began to argue among themselves, "Who will be the greatest?" "The one who serves others is the greatest," Jesus said. Then he took a basin and towel and washed their feet. Conversation at the table was full of questions. Over and over again, Jesus tried to explain, to comfort them. "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. If you shall ask anything of the Father, he will give it to you in my name. In a little while you will behold me no more, and in a little while you shall see me. I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now." During the evening, Judas fled, and all were made aware he would betray Jesus. Later in the evening, Jesus took the bread and wine and blessed them saying, "This do in remembrance of me."

God of all that is good and right and holy, thank you for the institution of the Lord's Supper. Thank you that I am called to remember the high price that Jesus paid for my sin, and thank you for our communal remembrance at the communion table. May I never become complacent about the enormous price that was paid for my sin, and help me to honor your holy name when I meet together with my brothers and sisters in Christ. Thank you for your word and the wonderful truths it contains, and thank you Lord, for the revelation that we have received through your Holy Word. Keep me low at the cross of my Savior and my heart broken before you – this I ask in Jesus name. Lord, speak to me; I am ready to listen. Amen

May the love of God enfold us. The peace of Christ surround us. The presence and comfort of the Spirit be in and among us. Amen

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