

Delivered; Matthew 26:1-5

I. Service

- A. Service oriented careers are normally low paying with long hours and hard work
- B. People choose these careers because they desire to serve others
  - 1. Teachers
  - 2. Law Enforcement
  - 3. Firefighters
  - 4. Armed Services
  - 5. Not a complete list, just a few
- C. The idea of sacrifice is born out of service to others
- D. This has been God's idea for us since the beginning, to serve Him through serving others
- E. We should be reminded of this through His Son's service to us

II. Confession

- A. Jesus' arrest
- B. Mark 14:53-62
- C. Peter is listening to the council and hears Jesus' confession, "I AM"
  - 1. Exodus 3:13-15; 13 Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" 14 God said to Moses, "I am who I am." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I am has sent me to you.'" 15 God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.
  - 2. John 8:56-59; 56 Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." 57 So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" 58 Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." 59 So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.
  - 3. Peter made this same confession to Jesus in Matthew 16:16
  - 4. Peter may have been thinking "this is it!"
  - 5. Mark 14:63-65; 63 And the high priest tore his garments and said, "What further witnesses do we need? 64 You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?" And they all condemned him as deserving death. 65 And some began to spit on him and to cover his face and to strike him, saying to him, "Prophecy!" And the guards received him with blows.
- D. "Not during the feast," Matthew 26:5
  - 1. Even though the religious leaders had a plan, God's plan prevailed
  - 2. Jesus was arrested, tried, convicted, sentenced, and executed during the feast
- E. This very same confession that brought Jesus death brings us life
- F. Romans 10:9-10; 9 because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.
- G. In order to serve us, knowing that His confession would cause His death, He made public His position as the Messiah

III. Mocking

- A. The Bible really doesn't spend much time talking about Jesus' crucifixion
- B. We are told that is the most shameful death that anyone could suffer in that time period

- C. We know that the Romans used crucifixion quite a lot
  - D. In 71 BC Rome defeated the slave revolt led by Spartacus and crucified 6,000 people along a road called the Appian Way
  - E. The bible spends much more time on the events that led up to the crucifixion, specifically the mocking of Jesus
  - F. John 19:1–5; 1 Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. 2 And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. 3 They came up to him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and struck him with their hands. 4 Pilate went out again and said to them, “See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him.” 5 So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Behold the man!”
    - 1. Mocked (Matthew 27:29) - to subject to derision, ridicule, to make fun of, to make a fool of
    - 2. Jesus claim to be the Messiah is the object of their mocking
    - 3. He is King and Creator
    - 4. Yet His subjects mock His Kingship!
    - 5. To subject the author of Creation to ridicule is unthinkable (at least for me)
    - 6. Yet people today do it all the time
  - G. I have met ridicule and derision because of my service in the military (flag burning, name calling, etc.)
  - H. Yet I spent 22+ years serving the very people who are mocking me (not suggesting that I, in any way, am equal to the Messiah)
  - I. In order to serve us, He endured the ridicule and mocking
- IV. Kill Him
- A. Matthew 27:1–2; 1 When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. 2 And they bound him and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate the governor.
  - B. There is no effort here to find the truth
  - C. From the very beginning their only thought has been to put Him to death
  - D. They even enticed people to be false witnesses
    - 1. Matthew 26:59; Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death,
    - 2. Exodus 20:16; “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
    - 3. This is not a sincere desire to uphold God’s word and to put to death a blasphemer
    - 4. They are breaking God’s law conspiring to put Jesus to death (just to keep their own position and power)!
    - 5. To say (today) that someone is being Pharisaical is to call them a power hungry murderer
  - E. The only problem is that the Jews, under Roman rule, could not sentence someone the death
    - 1. John 18:31; Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law.” The Jews said to him, “It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death.”
    - 2. This is what the religious leaders of the first century had become
    - 3. Not people who cared to serve God by serving others, but people only interested in their own power and control, willing to keep it at any cost
  - F. In order to serve us, He endured a death at the hands of a people who claimed Him as their God (the Father)
- V. Delivered
- A. His confession ensured His death

- B. His mocking showed the true mind of the religious leaders
- C. His death by crucifixion was cruel and painful
- D. He was delivered for us