

JOURNEY TO THE CROSS WITH JESUS

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The Trials

⁵⁷ Then the people who had arrested Jesus led him to the home of Caiaphas, the high priest, where the teachers of religious law and the elders had gathered. ⁵⁸ Meanwhile, Peter followed him at a distance and came to the high priest's courtyard. He went in and sat with the guards and waited to see how it would all end. ⁵⁹ Inside, the leading priests and the entire high council were trying to find witnesses who would lie about Jesus, so they could put him to death. ⁶⁰ But even though they found many who agreed to give false witness, they could not use anyone's testimony. Finally, two men came forward ⁶¹ who declared, "This man said, 'I am able to destroy the Temple of God and rebuild it in three days.'" ⁶² Then the high priest stood up and said to Jesus, "Well, aren't you going to answer these charges? What do you have to say for yourself?" ⁶³ But Jesus remained silent. Then the high priest said to him, "I demand in the name of the living God—tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God." ⁶⁴ Jesus replied, "You have said it. And in the future you will see the Son of Man seated in the place of power at God's right hand and coming on the clouds of heaven." ⁶⁵ Then the high priest tore his clothing to show his horror and said, "Blasphemy! Why do we need other witnesses? You have all heard his blasphemy. ⁶⁶ What is your verdict?" "Guilty!" they shouted. "He deserves to die!" ⁶⁷ Then they began to spit in Jesus' face and beat him with their fists. And some slapped him, ⁶⁸ jeering, "Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who hit you that time?"

Matthew 26:57-68

Journey with Jesus word of the day: _____.

Humility is depending completely on God for everything in every circumstance.

To Live a Life of Humility, I:

- I) _____ that Jesus sets the example for my humility.
- A) ⁵ You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. ⁶ Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. ⁷ Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. Philippians 2:5-8
- B) ⁵⁰ Jesus said, "My friend, go ahead and do what you have come for." Then the others grabbed Jesus and arrested him. ⁵¹ But one of the men with Jesus pulled out his sword and struck the high priest's slave, slashing off his ear. ⁵² "Put away your sword," Jesus told him. "Those who use the sword will die by the sword. ⁵³ Don't you realize that I could ask my Father for thousands of angels to protect us, and he would send them instantly? ⁵⁴ But if I did, how would the Scriptures be fulfilled that describe what must happen now?" Matthew 26:50-54

II) _____ God in prayer for everything I need.

A) Prayer is the power source for a life of humility.

B) Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Philippians 4:6

III) _____ God with a humble posture.

A) Come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the LORD our maker, Psalm 95:6

B) "Every great movement of God can be traced to a kneeling figure." DL Moody

IV) _____ my need for forgiveness through Jesus.

A) ⁵ Then I said, "O LORD, God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps his covenant of unfailing love with those who love him and obey his commands, ⁶ listen to my prayer! Look down and see me praying night and day for your people Israel. I confess that we have sinned against you. Yes, even my own family and I have sinned! Nehemiah 1:5-6

B) But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. 1 John 1:9

V) _____ with humility in every circumstance.

A) ³ Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. Philippians 2:3-4

B) "Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it's thinking of yourself less." CS Lewis

In the same way, you younger men must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you, serve each other in humility, for "God opposes the proud but favors the humble."

1 Peter 5:5

NEXT STEPS:

- I will memorize 1 Peter 5:5.
- I will follow the 5 steps to live a life of humility.
- I'd like more information on the Franklin Graham, "God Loves You" crusade.
- Sign me up to attend the Chosen People Seder Celebration on April 7 at 7:00 p.m.