

1. Opening Prayer

2. Intro: Suffering / Death of Jesus

- a. In Isaiah: the Servant of YHWH (42:1-4, 49:3, 50:4-9, 52:13-53:12)
- b. In Matthew
In the context of Jesus' birth, we see antagonism (1:1-18, 2:1-23)
Jesus' title "Messiah" (26:63, 17, 22, 27-31, and 37)?
Jesus as the servant: silent (26:63, 27:14) and innocence (27:4, 18-19, 23-24)
- c. In Mark
Prelude of Jesus' death in the beginning (2:19-20 and 3:6)
Jesus' title "King" (15:2, 9, 12, 18, 26, and 32)
Jesus as atonement (8:35 and 15:31)
- d. In Luke
Jesus as Passover Meal for the new Covenant (22:7, 14-15, and 20)
- e. In John (12:23-32)
Glorification (23), the way to eternal life (24-26),
obedience to the Father (27-30), judgment (31-32)

3. Let Us Read John Ch. 12

4. Discussion

- a. Compare 12:1-8 with Mark 14:3-9, Matthew 26:6-13, and Luke 7:36-50. What are the differences? Do the differences tell us anything different but important?
- b. How shall we understand Judas' comment in verse 4?
- c. What is the difference between the great crowd in verse 9 and the great crowd in verse 12?
- d. How do you understand the Pharisees' comment in verse 19?
- e. How do you understand Jesus' answer (especially the phrase, "for a little longer" in verse 35) to the question in verse 34?
- f. Why do you think the author mentions those who believed but didn't confess in verses 42-43?

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