

MAIN POINT

Jesus glorified God by wholly submitting to God's will, making the ultimate sacrifice of His own life to save ours.

INTRODUCTION

What is one of the nicest ways that someone has surprised you? Have you ever had a chance to repay him or her? Could you, if you wanted to?

Have you ever witnessed someone being ungrateful for a gift? How did it make you feel?

There has never been an act of kindness greater than Jesus laying down His life for our sins. In the moments leading up to and on the cross, Jesus willingly sacrificed Himself on our behalf. He gave us the gift of His own righteousness in exchange for our debt of sin. We can never repay this act of grace. The best we can do is live a life of joy on account of it, follow Jesus with all of our hearts, and let others know that the gift of eternal life can be theirs as well because of God's Son.

DISCUSSION

> READ MATTHEW 26:47-56; MARK 14:53-65; JOHN 18:33-40; JOHN 19:9-10.

How would you characterize Jesus in Matthew 26? What words come to mind?

Does Jesus' response to Judas in Matthew 26:50 surprise you? Why or why not?

Why is it significant to see Peter following Jesus at a distance in Mark 14? What do you think was going through Peter's mind as he was following?

Why do you think Jesus' initial response was one of silence? What did He communicate with that silence?

Why did the high priest react so violently when Jesus eventually answered His question? Why do you think Jesus chose to answer this question, but chose to remain silent previously?

What sticks out to you the most from John 18?

Why is it significant that Jesus told Pilate that He was born for this?

Look back at Pilate's question in John 18:33-38. Where do you see our culture asking that same question today? Why is it important that we have a firm answer for that question?

Why will standing on foundational truth come with a cost?

APPLICATION

Would you say that Jesus' great humility, obedience, and sacrifice is a source of joy and gratitude in your daily life? Explain.

How does the example Jesus set in His trial change the way you will live this week?