

Opening

Christ on the cross is a very powerful image for most believers. What aspect of Jesus' suffering is hardest for you to grasp?

Overall, do you relate to Jesus as God? as man? as confidant? as your Savior?

Time in the Word

Read John 7: 37-39; Jeremiah 2:13; Psalm 63:1 and Psalm 34:8.

What words or phrases stand out to you ?

When have you been thirsty for the Lord?
Are there situations or periods within your life that have made you more/less thirsty?
Why?

When you were thirsty for the Lord, what did you do? How did you quench your thirst?

Discussion Questions

Our thirst/hunger can take many forms.
What basic need do you have right now?

Why is that need so important? Is the need rooted in what you believe Christ wants for you? How do you know?

Have you asked God to provide for the need? Are you willing to rely on God to provide?

Do you know someone in your life who is starving or thirsty? Does the person know how to quench the thirst eternally by the grace of Jesus?

How can you love a person in a time of need? What might the Holy Spirit be prompting you to do – show compassion, act, listen?



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why we exist

The purpose of the church is to bring glory to God.

Our Mission
what we do

Love God • Love People • Make Disciples

Our Core Values
how we do it

Worship - lifting up the name of the Lord Jesus Christ
Connect - living in community, loving and supporting one another
Grow - equipping believers to live in obedience to God's Word
Serve - helping people discover and use their God-given talents
Reach - transforming lives and communities with the good news of Jesus Christ

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THE LAST SEVEN WORDS

WORD 4: DESIRE
MAY 5/6



Sermon Notes

Desire

John 19:28-29

Pastor Joel Boone

Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. John 19:28-29

We can have Christ-like desires by accepting four invitations from Jesus:

1. The invitation to _____ Jesus Christ as _____

Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." John 19:28

_____ about Jesus

They put gall in my food and gave me vinegar for my thirst.

Psalm 69:21

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. ... He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ... For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. Isaiah 53:5-12

_____ of Jesus

I and the Father are one." Again the Jews picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus said to them, "I have shown you many great miracles from the Father. For which of these do you stone me?" "We are not stoning you for any of these," replied the Jews, "but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God." John 10:30-33

Jesus' _____

"Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!" John 12:27-28

2. The invitation to _____ to Jesus Christ as _____

Jesus experienced _____.

Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." John 19:28

Jesus experienced _____.

After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.

Matthew 4:2

Jesus got _____.

So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. John 4:5-6

Jesus needed _____.

A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" Mark 4:37-38

Jesus experienced _____.

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. Hebrews 4:14-15

3. The invitation to _____ to Jesus Christ with _____

Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." John 19:28

We get _____ thirsty.

David longed for water and said, "Oh, that someone would get me a drink of water from the well near the gate of Bethlehem!" 2 Samuel 23:15

We get _____ thirsty.

Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water." John 4:13-15

We get _____ thirsty.

As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. Psalm 42:1

We get _____ thirsty.

I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD." Ezekiel 37:14

I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life. John 5:24

4. The invitation to _____ life-giving _____

On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified. John 7:37-39

My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water. Jeremiah 2:13

O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Psalm 63:1

Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him. Psalm 34:8



Memory Verse

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Monday – Begin the day in prayer; meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 4:1-26. What aspects of Jesus' humanity are revealed by His deliberate stop at the well?

How did Jesus identify the woman's needs?

Why do you think Jesus asked about her husband? Why do you think she turned the conversation to religious practices?

How does this passage invite you to worship Jesus Christ (true worship)? How is worship demonstrated in your life?

Tuesday – Begin the day in prayer; meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 4:8 and 27-42. Why do you think Jesus deliberately sent the disciples on an errand?

What lessons did Jesus teach His disciples?

How do those same lessons apply to you?

What was Jesus' *food*? What was its purpose?

How does this compare with your *food*?

Wednesday – Begin the day in prayer; meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 6:1-40. Why do you think Jesus went off by Himself after the miraculous feeding?

What did the people want from Him? What was He offering instead?

What did Jesus mean when He called Himself the Bread of Life?

From 1 Peter 2:2, what should we crave besides physical food? How much do you desire what Jesus truly offers?

Thursday – Begin the day in prayer; meditate on the memory verse.

Read Hebrews 4:1-11 and Matthew 11:28-30. How would you define the rest which God promises?

What is required of us to enter His rest?

What would cause someone to miss His rest?

How have you found this rest to be real?

Friday – Begin the day in prayer; meditate on the memory verse.

Read Matthew 4:1-11; 6:13; Luke 11:4; 1 Corinthians 10:13; Hebrews 2:18 and 4:15-16. Who tempts us?

How can believers prepare for temptation?

How does a believer endure under temptation?

Who delivers us from temptation?

Personal Reflection & Application

Review the sermon outline and read through the verses. Through which verse did God speak to you? Spend time meditating on the verse. What do you sense God saying to you?

Which point from the sermon outline helped you relate to the humanity of Jesus? How might relating to Jesus' humanity transform your life to glorify God?

Reaching Out

Share with someone the Living Water you have experienced.