

Passion Week Word Meditation Material (April 6th~11th, 2020)

Order: Prayer → Hymn → Reading → Meditation → Meaning → Ind/ Prayer together → Lord's Prayer

Date	Text	Hymn	Meditation	Prayer Requests
4/6	Mark 14:43 ~50	135 (150)	1) Let us meditate the scene that the Judah Iscariot handed Jesus over the high priests, the scribes, and the elders! 2) Let us meditate the response of Jesus' 11 disciples to that situation! 3) In between the two extreme parties in this event, the multitude with Judas Iscariot and Jesus' 11 disciples, how did Jesus respond to? (Verse 49) 4) Not to worry about the fear or betrayal, but to say "let the Scriptures be fulfilled" was the response to the situation. What was the interest of Jesus'? (Jesus fully focused on the salvation for us) 5) To whom are you similar? Judas Iscariot or the 11 disciples? In what sense, do you think so?	1) For the healthy recovery of the truthfulness inside us if we have the similar scrutiny to Judas Iscariot's not for Jesus' sake but for our own benefits. 2) For abundant appreciation and gratitude for the true love of Jesus Christ for us during this passion week inside us. <u>(Everyday in this week)</u> <u>For the quick recovery and freedom for our family, Zion family, and churches in the world and all people in the globe</u>
4/7	Mark 14:66 ~72	137 (251)	1) Please carefully read "Peter's betrayal process of Jesus" in detail. 2) Please refer to "servant girl" in verse 66. 3) Peter denied Jesus before a servant girl, before people, and finally cursed Jesus and swore, "I do not know this man of whom you speak." Could you try to defend Peter on his side? If so, what kind of defense could you prepare? (For your reference, Peter was just alone here among other disciples). 4) What is the cause through which he could know his failure to keep his faithfulness to Christ? Yes, it was rooster's crow. Do you have any experience or time to have the similar cases to the rooster's crow? 5) He wept after knowing that he failed. Do you agree with his weep?	1) In our daily life, it is used to being very strange for us to remember, think, and rely on Jesus, our Savior. But, at the very moment, let God provide us the sense that we are far from Jesus Christ. 2) For us to stand again through Jesus' mercy as He did for Peter even though He knew all the steps that Peter took in the process of his betrayal procedure.

4/8	Mark 15:6~ 15	138 (151)	<p>1) Jesus and Barabbas became the candidates for the special prisoner released from the prison on the Jewish special feast.</p> <p>2) Barabbas was not qualified for the special release because he was a murderer and the Jews feared him. There was not benefit but fear to the Jews if Barabbas was released.</p> <p>3) However, the Jews chose Barabbas instead of Jesus. Then, they cried out to nail Jesus on the cross stimulated by the high priests.</p> <p>4) In this process, let us have moment to deeply think about the process and the result of the nasty, vulgar, evil coalition of the high priests and the Jews.</p> <p>5) This is a real and sad situation possibly occurs in our life situation.</p> <p>6) In the meantime, we can meditate Jesus heart and passion for salvation who was just scourged by the Roman authorities.</p>	<p>1) For being persons who care, embrace, have mercy on others around us, and count others more significant than us before God, checking ourselves if we have such nasty, vulgar, evil coalition in our family, community, and church.</p> <p>2) For understanding Jesus' love and passion for us in depth so that we can follow Jesus' footsteps as God's children.</p>
4/9	Mark 15:21 ~32	141 (143)	<p>1) Please deeply meditate the process of Jesus' crucifixion.</p> <p>2) Please consider the situation on "Simon of Cyrene," the father of Alexander and Rufus, who was compelled to carry his cross. He should not be there for carrying Jesus' cross. But, he should do that in force. Please think about that situation.</p> <p>3) Please meditate those who nailed Jesus on the cross and cast lot for Jesus' garment.</p> <p>4) Please consider the situation when the high priests and the scribes along with passerby, not to mention the crucified on the both sides of Jesus who together insulted and ridiculed Jesus crucified.</p> <p>5) We can see that the pain that Jesus experienced in both physical and the mental suffering would be greater than human beings can go through.</p> <p>6) The steps of Simon of Cyrene supported Jesus' sacrifice. In the insulting and ridiculing situation, God chose His people to safely establish and perfectly accomplish Jesus' redemptive work.</p>	<p>1) The process of Jesus' crucifixion was the steps for Jesus to be most painful. In that steps, God through His chosen people fulfilled His redemptive plan for His people like us. Likewise, in our steps as Christians, there are many difficult matters that we need to overcome and go through. But, let us pray that God would lead us to live like His children and Jesus' disciples continually with those whom God chose to help one another.</p>

4/10	John 19:28 ~30	144	<p>1) Jesus went through various difficult moments even on the cross. Whenever He passed those moments, Jesus said. There were 7 sayings that Jesus did on the cross. Today's text shows us the 6th one. He said "It is finished." Let's us meditate this expression for a while.</p> <p>2) Based on what we considered so far in this week, what did Jesus finish on the cross?</p> <p>3) How many cases that we have in our life to say that we finished? 4) Could you feel any stability and assurance from Jesus' 6th saying?</p>	<p>1) For clear understanding Jesus' grace of accomplished salvation, which was given to us so that we were able stand on God's side, finding the meaning of life in Christ, understanding the value and satisfaction in Christ, and living out our Christian faith in our life context.</p>
4/11	Mark 15:33 ~41	147 (149)	<p>1) The sixth hour in verse 33 is 12 o'clock, the noon nowadays. The ninth hour is therefore 3 o'clock in the afternoon.</p> <p>2) At noon, when Jesus died, the whole world was under darkness until 3 o'clock p.m.</p> <p>3) Jesus, here, said the 4th saying out of 7. "Eloi, Eloi, Lema Sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" It has been enough for Jesus to experience all kinds of insults so far. But, now, Jesus knew that even God the Father forsook Him. Could you guess and imagine what Jesus felt?</p> <p>4) In verse 37, Jesus' cry was written in Luke 23:46, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" As written in verse 38, after saying this, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.</p> <p>5) The centurion who watched all the process of this crucifixion, in verse 39, confessed "Truly this man was the Son of God!"</p> <p>6) The cross that Jesus bore and died on was too difficult and cruel. The confession of the centurion, who went through the whole process, on Jesus as the Son of God is to be ours, too. Not as a victor with power, but as a loser without power, Jesus stood there and the centurion could see the reality that the weak Jesus is the most powerful Being, Son of God. This confession is required us to do in many cases in our life, especially in this difficult time due to COVID-19. The real value and power of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord are not on the visible power exceeding worldly authorities. Rather Jesus with them affected our eternal life in heaven through His Lose.</p>	<p>1) For giving us the grace from our meditation on Jesus' cry "Eloi, Eloi, Lema, Sabachthani?" on the cross and His passion.</p> <p>2) Let us live faithful Christian life as God's people based on both Jesus' powerful image as a Victor and His powerless image as a Loser who lost even His life for us. He lost everything for us. He should lose everything even His life for saving us and giving us the eternal life. Let us understand this profound value of His Lose. In this difficult situation, due to COVID-19, let us the real power of Jesus which accomplished our salvation in permanent and rely on Him more and more even for the solution and vaccine of COVID-19 and all the matters that we have nowadays.</p> <p>3) Let us know that the power of Jesus is always present with us, who was saved through His passion upon which we are able to overcome this difficult moment.</p>