

Memorial Day

(1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

- Introduction:
1. This morning we discussed the memorial that Jesus asked us to observe in remembrance of him.
 2. There is great importance placed upon the manner in which we observe this memorial (1 Corinthians 11:26-30).
 3. Yet, knowing this, I dare say that many, if not all of us have struggled to properly engage in this memorial.
 4. This lesson is intended to offer suggestions to help you to properly participate in this memorial.

I. Prepare for Worship/The Lord's Supper

- A. Do we not make preparation for lesser things?
- B. Elevate this to a central part of your week.
- C. There is no fear of God in their eyes (Romans 3:18).

II. Lessen The Distractions

- A. If you have trouble with distractions, maybe you would be better served to change where you are sitting.
- B. Of course, this is an external matter that if we are in the right might, should not make any difference.

III. Read Your Bible.

- A. (Matthew 27).
- B. (Mark 15).
- C. (Luke 23).
- D. (John 19).

IV. Mark Key Words

- A. Go through the accounts of Jesus' sacrifice and note key words that remind you of the depth of his sacrifice.
- B. Swords and clubs (Mk. 14:43); Betrayed (Mt. 26:45); Denied (Mt. 26:75); Forsook (26:56); Seized (Mt. 26:48); False Witnesses (Mt. 26:60); Accused (Lk. 23:2); More fierce (23:5); Sneered (Lk. 23:35); Mocked (Lk. 23:36); Blasphemed (Lk. 23:39); Reviled (Mt. 27:44); Beat (Mt. 26:67); Scourged (Jn. 19:1); Twisted a crown of thorns (Mt. 27:29); Struck him on the head (Mt. 27:30); Gave no answer (Jn. 19:9); Bearing his cross (Jn. 19:17); Crucified him (Jn. 19:17); He saw his mother (Jn. 19:26); I thirst (Jn. 19:28); Given sour wine (Jn. 19:30); Father, forgive them (Luke 23:34); Cried out with a loud voice (Lk. 23:46).

V. Count to Seven

- A. One Lord (Ephesians 4:5; Luke 6:46).
- B. Two Thieves (Luke 22:27; 23:29-43; Isaiah 53:12).
- C. Three Crosses (Luke 23:33).
- D. Four Soldiers (John 19:23-24).
- E. Five Wounds (head, back, hands, feet, side) (Isaiah 53:5).
- F. Six Hours (Mark 15:25, 34).
- G. Seven Sayings (Luke 23:34, 43, 46; John 19:27, 28, 30; Mark 15:34).

- Conclusion:
- 1. Don't allow this memorial to become a rote, empty ritual.
 - 2. If we do, it will bring us condemnation.
 - 3. May these suggestions help us to remember as we ought.