

Second Sunday in Lent – February 28, 2010



Text: Matthew 26:36-46; Romans 7:19; Matthew 7:7-8; 1 John 5:14-15

Message: *"What Shall I Do with Jesus?" PRAY WITH HIM!*

1. _____ is one of the greatest powers in the Christian life, greater than the power of any circumstance or situation...greater than any person, government, or military force on earth. Yet the majority of Christians, including you and me, must confess that we don't pray as we should, and consequently miss so many of life's golden opportunities.

What Shall I Do with Jesus? PRAY WITH HIM. Jesus teaches you and me...

† **To Pray when you are** _____ .

"As you know, the Passover is two days away-and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified." Matthew 26:2

2. Jesus knew what it means to be fearful...anxious...burdened. He knew the _____ He would endure. He saw the crown of thorns that would be pushed into His scalp, the whip that would tear His back, the beating He would endure, the cross and nails, and the torture of Calvary.
3. If Jesus were living today, I am sure He would get plenty of _____ for handling his stress – a good exercise program...a stress management therapist or counselor...perhaps some might say, *"Get a grip, Man. Man Up. Take control of things yourself."*
4. Rather than looking to His own resources, _____ sought help and support from His heavenly Father through prayer, looking to God for relief, knowing that He would find the power there to see Him through these anxious, fearful, burdened-beyond belief trying times.
5. God _____ the prayers of anxious Christians today. Prayer gives us courage and strength to face our anxious moments and to deal with anything this life might toss at us in a God-pleasing way, trusting in His never-failing source of strength and relief.

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6. Jesus tells us that while the _____, the new man, is willing and has good intentions and honestly wants to do what is pleasing to God, the flesh, the sinful nature, is weak.
7. Jesus tells us, with so many temptations and so many things assaulting your _____, watch and pray. Pray for a stronger faith...for greater conviction... for deeper trust...for the power to fight the good fight...to say NO to temptation and, YES to God and to living life as the child of God that you are.

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8. **Did you catch the Father's answer to Jesus' prayer in the Garden? _____!**
The cross remained the Father's will...His plan...His answer to overcome the damning sins of mankind...His way of saving all people.
9. God's answer of silence may even lead us to question the _____ of prayer and even seems to contradict the promises in His Holy Word. But, our problem stems from a misunderstanding of prayer in general and a misunderstanding of exactly what God has promised to give us when we pray.
10. We must never overlook that small but vital phrase: "*according to _____*."
Only when we are ready to conform our will to His do we begin to understand that God always answers us. When God gives us the answer of silence, He is saying, "*No, that is not my will for you. I want what is best for you. I love you, and what you are asking for just won't be good for you, or, won't be good for you at this time.*"
11. Prayer is the greatest power in the universe because it is _____ to our God's promises and directed to our all-powerful and all-loving God himself. **What shall I do with Jesus? Pray with Him...Pray like Him! Pray in times of anxiety...Pray in times of temptation... and Pray with absolute confidence that God always hears and answers our prayers.**

† † † **LESSON FROM GOD'S WORD** † † †

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Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." {37} He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. {38} Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me." {39} Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." {40} Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. {41} "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak." {42} He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done." {43} When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. {44} So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing. {45} Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour is near, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. {46} Rise, let us go! Here comes my betrayer!" Matthew 26:36-46

"What I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do-this I keep on doing."

Romans 7:19

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened."

Matthew 7:7-8

"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have what we asked of him."

1 John 5:14-15

1. Prayer † Anxious 2. Pain 3. Advice 4. Jesus 5. Answers 6. Spirit
7. Faith † Confidence 8. Silence 9. Power 10. His Will 11. Connected