

Passion Week of Prayer and Fasting



Wednesday, April 1

“SPY WEDNESDAY” (MATT 26:14-25)

The Wednesday of the Passion Week is sometimes called “Spy Wednesday”, in reference to Judas Iscariot's intent to betray Jesus. It is the day of betrayal, the day Judas meets with the chief priests and asks, “What are you willing to give me if I deliver him over to you?”

We are familiar with the stories of Judas, who sold out Jesus for thirty pieces of silver, and Peter, who denied Jesus three times before the cock crowed, but there are other examples of betrayal. The disciples fall asleep in the garden while Jesus is praying to the Father to remove the cup. The chief priests and scribes falsely accuse a righteous man. Pilate and Herod put to death a man they know does not deserve crucifixion. Even the crowds call for the wrong man's life. Mankind betrays God even when He was in our presence.

Yet, despite all the betrayals, Jesus forgives and continues to love all. Jesus cries out “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” (Luke 26:34.). God sends out his love despite the fact no one is worthy – the ultimate grace.

Today, let's commit to follow Christ's lead. We all have suffered betrayals in our life, and have betrayed too. Today we remember the One who forgives all the betrayals and extends grace and love to all. How can we, as Christ-followers, not do the same? To whom do you need to forgive and offer grace and love? Do so today.

Prayer Points

That God's will be done in our lives and in our church (CSC) as Jesus prayed in the garden of Gethsemane:

- **MATTHEW 6:10B** “... your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”
- **DEUTERONOMY 29:29** “The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.”