

Day 64: Mark 14:43-65

This is where Jesus is so obviously Jesus! Think for a minute about these events: One of your best friends barges in to have you arrested. A bunch of guys with swords come out to take you by force. A trial follows where the witnesses can not agree about what you've done wrong. And through it all Jesus heals, he comforts and he confronts in love. How cool is Jesus?

How do you think you would have responded to these same circumstances? What can we learn from Jesus' reaction?

Prayer Points:

- Thank God for Christ's example.
- Ask God to help you to respond to difficult situations in the same way Jesus would.
- Pray for Wallula Christian Church to be used in a really big way this week!

Day 65: Mark 14:66-72

Do you remember the Family Circle comics? One of my favorites was the recurring "Not Me" strip. A parent would ask each kid if they broke the lamp or ate the last cookie and each kid would respond, "not me." We've all been there. We've been caught with the icing smeared on our faces saying, "not me, I didn't eat the cupcake." Peter is caught in one of those "not me" kind of situations in this section of scripture.

Have you ever told God, "not me?"

Prayer Points:

- Ask God for forgiveness for the times you've said, not me.
- Thank God for the forgiveness that Jesus offers. Thank Him for second chances. Thank Him for using Peter in a powerful way despite His shortcomings.
- Ask God to help you show off His love and grace this week.

Day 66: Mark 15:1-20

I had a professor in college that I struggled with relationally. One day in class he called me to the front of the class and began to pepper me with questions from the assigned reading. He was convinced that I had not been doing the reading and wanted to embarrass me. Luckily I'd actually read that book!

Have you ever been purposely embarrassed or mocked? How did you respond to the people trying to embarrass you?

Prayer Points:

- Thank God for the difficult steps Jesus took to pay a price that we all owe.
- Praise Jesus for REALLY being King of Kings and Lord of Lords!
- Thank God for His promise to send Jesus again.

Day 67: Mark 15:21-32

“And they crucified him.” There is not a more simple, horrific, or awesome sentence in all of scripture. God’s grand plan boils down to this act. A perfect life ended in a terrible death.

Prayer Points

- Thank Jesus for all He went through for us!
- Thank Jesus for the example his life was for us and how we can learn from his choices.
- Pray for unity in the body of Christ as we work hard to serve Him.

Day 68: Mark 15:33-41

As I’ve walked through dark stretches in my life I’ve wondered things like, “why does God allow bad things to happen?” I don’t have a very good answer, but these verses scream to me that God doesn’t like bad stuff. He does not enjoy pain and hurt and He hurts that we must experience these kinds of things.

Have you ever been angry at God because of bad things in your life? How does it feel to know that He has gone through these same kinds of difficult things?

Prayer Points:

- Thank Jesus for choosing the difficult path of reuniting us with God through the cross.
- Pray for Wallula Christian Church. Spend a few minutes praying for the folks you sit around on Sunday.
- Pray for the worship team at Wallula Christian Church.

Day 69: Mark 15:42-47

I’ve never thought about how scripture describes Joseph of Arimathea before. He boldly asked for the body of Jesus. He put himself in potential danger to serve Jesus one last time.

What are you willing to risk to serve Jesus?

Prayer Points:

- Thank God for being a God of second chances! Thank Him for forgiveness!
- Ask God for the courage to stand up for Him in difficult situations.
- Pray for opportunities to take risks for God this week.

Day 70: Mark 16:1-8

He has risen! He is alive! Go and tell! He lives!

Prayer Points:

- Thank God for conquering even death!
- Pray for chances to share the difference Jesus has made in your life with others!
- Pray that Wallula Christian Church would continue to proudly proclaim that Jesus is alive!