



The Abandonment of Jesus

Mark 14:1-52 | December 9, 2012 | John Crawford

Three Major Themes...

- The betrayal, denial and falling away of the disciples.
- The anticipation and reality of Jesus' death.
- The fulfillment of God's sovereign, preordained plan.

Three Well-Known Scenes...

- The Anointing...
 - The Sanhedrin secretly plot to kill Jesus.
 - A woman sacrificially anoints Jesus.
 - ▶ The disciples scold the woman for wasting money.
 - ▶ Jesus commends the woman for her beautiful act.
 - A disciple deceitfully betrays Jesus.
- The Meal...
 - Jesus' prediction of his betrayal
 - ▶ God is completely sovereign
 - ▶ Man is morally responsible
 - Jesus' explanation of his death
 - ▶ Jesus is the Passover lamb who redeems us by his blood
 - ▶ Jesus is the covenant keeper who seals us with his blood
 - ▶ Jesus is the Messianic host whom we will feast with forever
 - Jesus' prediction of his abandonment
- The Prayer...
 - Jesus' agonizing prayer
 - ▶ The cup is a reference to God's infinite holy wrath
 - The disciple's arrogant presumption

Three Personal Implications...

- Don't underestimate how weak you really are.
- Always remember that Jesus too was abandoned.
- Rest completely in the benefits of Christ's sacrificial death.

Welcome to Cross Fellowship Church!

We are grateful that you have come to worship with us today. If you are a first time visitor we are so glad you are here and pray that you feel welcome. If you have any specific questions about our church, the service, sermon or anything else, we would love to talk to you! Feel free to stop by the Welcome Table in the lobby or talk to one of the elders. If you have time we'd also encourage you to complete a Visitor Information Card which is located at the Welcome Table.

Family Gathering

We will be having a Family Gathering tonight, December 9, in order to vote on our proposed 2013 church budget. It will be held at Tomahawk Ridge Community Center (11902 Lowell Avenue) from 5:30-6:30pm. Childcare is provided.

Christmas Eve Gathering

Join us on Christmas Eve as we gather together to celebrate the birth of Jesus. We will meet at the Crawford's (9901 Woodson) at 5pm for a time of singing, reading Scripture and fellowship. Bring a favorite snack to share and game to play. Feel free to invite family and friends to join us.

Stocking Gifts for International Students

We are collecting stocking gifts for four international students in the area (3 girls and 1 guy). Suggested gift items include: lotions, toiletries, school supplies, Christmas ornaments, gift-cards to Wal-Mart, candy, kitchen supplies, American recipes/cookbooks, food, etc. We will be collecting gift items at church until December 16th. For more information please contact Tammy Sharp.

Discipleship Communities

Discipleship Communities is our fancy name for "small groups." Each group meets during the week on a regular basis in someone's home. They are the primary place in which we seek to live as disciples together who love God supremely, one another humbly and the world sacrificially. If you are interested in visiting a Discipleship Community please stop by the Information Table in the lobby for a list of groups, meeting locations and times.

Sunday Morning Offering

Most churches typically pass a plate to collect their financial offering each Sunday morning. We are not against that, however our process is a little different. If you'd like to financially contribute toward our church related ministries then you can place your gift in the offering box located on the table at the back of the gym.

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