

MESSAGE NOTES

Habakkuk 1.5-6/Luke 22.3-6

“Infamous Sins and the Glory of God”

How Long - Message #5

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Infamous, Dreadful, Spectacular

Aren't All Sins Created Equal?

(See our blog "Aren't All Sins Created Equal" at www.paseodelrey.org)

Habakkuk 1.13-15

1. The Most Despicable Act Ever: The Kiss

Luke 22.3-6

a. Satan has Power Where We Play with Sin

Ephesians 2.1-3

- Satan doesn't take innocent people captive
- He searches out our weak spots

b. Satan Schemes for Maximum Damage

Matthew 16.21-23

c. Yet Everything Passes Through God's Office

Habakkuk 1.6, 12

- God's Power and Plan

Acts 4.27-28

(God is never unjust nor does He ever sin)

Psalms 145.17

- His Permissions are always Purposeful

2. Our Take Home

a. The Gospel: God Uses Even the Most Despicable Acts for His Glory, and our Good
Isaiah 53.6

b. Rest Secure and Obey Him Even when You Feel Vulnerable and Attacked
Romans 8.28-39

GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS
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1. Are all sins equal in God’s eyes?
 - a. Keeping your finger in the text, dig into God’s word and explain your conclusion.
 - b. What different does it make if all sins are equal in God’s eyes or some are worse and more damaging than others?
2. Trace (some of) God’s power and plan working through the hideous sin of Judas and many other evil people:
 - a. Matthew 26.31 referencing Zechariah 13.7
 - b. John 19.34-37 citing Psalm 34.20 and Zechariah 12.10
 - c. John 13.18 quoting Psalm 41.9
 - d. Matthew 26.23-24
 - e. Matthew 27.9-10 remembering Jeremiah 19.1-13 and Zechariah 11.12-13
3. When someone sins against you and harms you,
 - a. What do you feel about that person?
 - b. How do you feel toward God, through whose office this sin first passed?
4. Consider and discuss this statement by Pastor John Piper:

Never doubt that God is totally for you in Christ. If you trust Him with your life, you are in Christ. Never doubt that all the evil that befalls you—even if it takes your life—is God’s loving, purifying, saving, fatherly discipline. It is not an expression of His punishment in wrath. That fell on Jesus Christ our substitute. “The Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom He receives.” Hebrews 12.6
5. What comfort and security do these following truths about God give you when someone grievously sins against you or evil barges into your life uninvited and unwelcomed?

Ephesians 1.11

Romans 11.33-36