



Sermon Questions

March 29th, 2026 | Scripture: John 12:12-13, 27-36 – Peace to You

Pre-study: 3 things from the sermon. *Write down 3 ideas, illustrations, quotes, or points that made an impression in the sermon.*

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- 2.
- 3.

Core Questions

1. Which of Jesus's teachings or reaction of the crowd sticks out to you in verses 27-36 and why?
2. Verses 12-13 paint a picture of a large and expectant crowd. How does their expectation for peace contrast with Jesus's plan for peace through the cross as shown in verse 27?
3. Jesus came to seek the Father's glory in all things (verse 28.) How does seeking the father's glory often lead to pain instead of the kind of peace without pain we often expect?
4. Verses 31-34 connect death to peace. How does dying to self and living for Christ lead to the kind of peace and freedom we truly long for?
5. Where do you feel the tension between the peace you want and the path Jesus is calling you to?

Inward Grace in Action

1. Like the crowds in this passage, we often seek our own way of peace instead of Christ's. What components are often included in your personal peace plan?
2. How does remembering Christ's loving sacrifice empower you to live in faithful obedience even in the midst of suffering this week?

Outward Grace in Action

1. How can this group come around one another to remind us of the peace that we have in Christ in those moments this week?

For Families: Ideas of how to keep the conversation going at home, in the car, or around the dinner table:

1. **A - Ask about the message:** Ask your children what their idea of a peaceful evening looks like. Is that a pizza dinner with your family, a Saturday morning playing in the yard, or a time coloring and listening to music? Explain that those are all good things, but Jesus has come to give us a peace that is deeper than just calming circumstances.
2. **S – Share your thoughts:** This passage shows us that Jesus chose to go through the pain and suffering of the cross so that we can have peace with God and forgiveness of our sins. This gives us a peace between us and God that is different than just the absence of conflict and pain.
3. **K – Keep it going:** Take time to name something that might be painful or hard in your kid's lives. Then pray together that Jesus would be near to them even in those moments, reminding them of his love and empowering them to face their circumstances with hope.

WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

Reflect on these passages that trace the theme of peace throughout the scriptures:

- Genesis 1:28-31
- Numbers 6:22-27
- Isaiah 9:6-7
- Isaiah 54:9-10
- Colossians 1:19-20
- Ephesians 2:13-14

Scripture Memory Challenge:

*During this sermon series, our challenge to you and your CG is to memorize **Philippians 2:5-11**. This is the heart of the entire letter that will equip us to live with resilient joy.*

Serve: Invite and Serve this Easter:

Let grace flow as you invite someone to join you – or sign up to serve - at one of our Holy Week Events listed below:

- *Easter Services*
 - 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 am
 - **100 volunteers needed!**
- *A Night of Beauty: The Story of Jesus*
 - 7:00 pm

Details at: mcleanpres.org/easter.

Look Ahead: Next week we will celebrate the resurrection of our Lord on Easter. The scripture passage will be John 20:19-31 where we will see how Christ's resurrection promises the peace we all long for.