



What's He Worth to You?

*Midweek Lent
February 28, 2026*

Opening Hymn

406 In the Hour of Trial

Confession of Sins

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for personal reflection

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you in our thoughts, in our words, in our deeds, and in all that we have not done. Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace.

By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun, when we shall serve him in newness of life.

Amen.

Psalm

119C Teach Me, O LORD

Refrain

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes.

Tone

Do good to your / servant
according to your / word, LORD.
Teach me knowledge and good / judgment,
for I trust / your commands.
Before I was afflicted I / went astray,
but now I o- / bey your word. *Refrain*

You are good, and what you / do is good;
teach me / your decrees.
It was good for me to be af- / flicted
so that I might learn / your decrees.
The law from your mouth is more pre- / cious to me
than thousands of pieces of sil- / ver and gold.
Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

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Passion History

Matthew 26:1–35

Please join to read the bolded portions.

¹When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples, ²“You know that after two days it will be the Passover, and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.”

³Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas. ⁴They plotted together how to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. ⁵But they said, “**Not during the Festival, or else there might be a riot among the people.**”

⁶When Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, ⁷a woman approached him holding an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume. She poured it on his head as he was

reclining at the table. ⁸But when his disciples saw this, they were upset and said, **“Why this waste? ⁹This perfume could have been sold for a lot of money and given to the poor.”**

¹⁰Jesus was aware of this and said to them, “Why are you causing trouble for this woman? She has done a beautiful thing for me. ¹¹You are always going to have the poor with you, but you are not always going to have me. ¹²When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. ¹³**Amen I tell you: Wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told in memory of her.”**

¹⁴Then one of the Twelve, the one named Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵and said, “What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?” They paid him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶From that time on Judas was looking for an opportunity to betray Jesus.

¹⁷On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?”

¹⁸He said, **“Go into the city to a certain man and tell him the Teacher says, ‘My time is near. I will observe the Passover with my disciples at your house.’”**

¹⁹The disciples did as Jesus commanded them and prepared the Passover. ²⁰When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve.

²¹As they were eating, he said, “Amen I tell you: One of you will betray me.”

²²They were very sad and began to say to him one after another, **“Surely, not I, Lord?”**

²³He replied, “The one who dipped his hand in the bowl with me will betray me. ²⁴The Son of Man is going just as it is written about him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would be better for that man if he had not been born.”

²⁵Judas, who betrayed him, replied, **“Surely, not I, Rabbi?”**

He said to him, “Yes, you are the one.”

²⁶While they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples. He said, **“Take, eat, this is my body.”** ²⁷Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, **“Drink from it all of you, ²⁸for this is my blood of the new testament, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.** ²⁹I tell you that I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.” ³⁰After they sang a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

³¹Then Jesus said to them, “This night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ ³²But after I have been raised, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.”

³³Peter answered him, **“Even if all fall away because of you, I will never fall away.”**

³⁴Jesus said to him, “Amen I tell you: Tonight before the rooster crows you will deny me three times.”

³⁵Peter said to him, **“Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you.”** And all the disciples said the same. (EHV®)

Hymn of the Day

823 Jesus, Priceless Treasure

Reading

Zechariah 11:7–13

⁷So I shepherded the flock which is to be slaughtered, especially the most afflicted of the flock. I took two staves for myself. One I called Favor and the other Union. Then I shepherded the flock. ⁸I removed three shepherds in one month. I grew very impatient with the flock, and they really detested me. ⁹So I said, “I will not shepherd you. Whatever is dying, let it die. Whatever is being destroyed, let it be destroyed. And let those who remain devour one another's flesh.”

¹⁰I took my staff, Favor, and I broke it in two, to cancel my covenant that I had made with all the peoples. ¹¹So it was cancelled on that day, and the most miserable of the flock, who were watching me, knew that this was the word of the LORD.

¹²Then I said to them, “If it seems good to you, pay me my wages. But if it does not, withhold them.” So they weighed out thirty pieces of silver as my wages.

¹³Then the LORD said to me, “Throw it to the potter, this magnificent price at which they valued me.” So I took the thirty pieces of silver, and I threw them into the House of the LORD, to the potter. (EHV®)

Sermon

What Value Do YOU Put on Jesus?

Offering

Prayer

Lord, your Word is my delight. When I was lost in the darkness of sin, you penetrated my heart with the light of your Word. Let it enlighten my path each day that I may serve you in holiness. Let your Word shine through all I say and do that others may see you and praise your saving name. In Jesus' name I pray.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

951 Lord, Now You Let Your Servant