

The good shepherd dies for his sheep

1. Mat 26:28 and Jer 31:33-34. What is the covenant Jesus spoke about in the last supper? Why would the covenant require Jesus' sacrifice?
2. Mat 26:26-27. Before Jesus was crucified, why would he make such a point that his disciples take part in his death? Romans 6:4 How do we enter the new covenant through baptism?
3. Mat 26:39 and Isa 53:6 What is the cup Jesus was referring to? Mat 27:46. Describe how Jesus' agony on the cross is much more than physical and emotional?
4. Heb 12:2. Why would Jesus endure such suffering on the cross? John 10:11. How do you respond to the good shepherd who loves you beyond your understanding?

Mat 26:26 While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." 27 Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. 28 This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Jer 31:33 "This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the Lord. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. 34 No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the Lord. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

Mat 26:39 Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

Isa 53:6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Mat 27:46 About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?").

Heb 12:2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

== sermon notes ==

(slide 1) The good shepherd dies for his sheep

1. Good Friday remembering the cross

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- Jesus dies for the new covenant for the forgiveness of sins
- Jesus makes sure we participate his death to be in the covenant of new life
- We enter the new covenant through baptism into death with Jesus
- Jesus bore the blunt of God's judgment for our sins on the cross

1. A call to invite people to Easter Sunday

(slide 3) Jesus is the good shepherd who dies for his sheep

John 10:11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

1. How and why did Jesus die for his sheep

(slide 4) Jesus dies for the new covenant for the forgiveness of sins

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1. Jesus told them he is to die
2. His death is a sacrifice
3. For a covenant with God
4. The purpose is for the atonement of sins
5. Which covenant, which sins?

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1. With God's people
2. This covenant is to forgive sins

(slide 6) Jesus makes sure we participate his death to be in the covenant of new life

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1. The most important thing before he died is to make sure they take part in his death
2. Nobody (other than John) were there in presence
3. John 6:54 Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life

(slide 7) Through baptism into death with Jesus we enter the new covenant

Rom 6:4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

1. We need to take part in Jesus' death to be in covenant
2. The covenant of Abraham
 - i. God paid the price
 - ii. We take part

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1. More than physical
2. More than emotional
 - i. Betrayal
 - ii. Ridicule
 - iii. Injustice

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1. The judgment and penalty
2. The separation

(slide 10) Jesus endured the cross because of his love of our souls

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1. The new covenant
2. The new life of yours and mine

(slide 11) The love of Christ compels us to spread the gospel message

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1. Invite Easter Sunday