

JOURNEY *to the* CROSS



STONEBRIAR COMMUNITY CHURCH

WELCOME TO JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

We will walk in the footsteps of our Savior Jesus Christ from the day before He was crucified, historically called Maundy Thursday.

The name “Maundy” comes from the Latin word *mandatum*, which means *commandment*, because on the first Maundy Thursday, Jesus said to His disciples:

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”—John 13:34 (NIV)

As you hear each story from Scripture on this journey, consider the love Jesus showed us with every step of His life, all the way to His sacrificial death on the cross.



JESUS WASHES THE DISCIPLES' FEET

After washing their feet, He put on His robe again and sat down and asked, “Do you understand what I was doing? You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and you are right, because that’s what I am. And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other’s feet. I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you.”—John 13:12–15 (NLT)

Christ’s example of humbly serving others is what we should all strive to emulate. But Jesus has cleansed more than just the disciples’ feet. He alone can cleanse our soul.

How are you serving others?

How have you been blessed by serving others?

How are your attitude and actions worshipful to the Lord?



Father, I am humbled at the example of Christ being a servant. The love He continuously demonstrated—even knowing that betrayal was coming—is overwhelming. Help me to be a humble servant to others, too, so that I may bring You glory. In the name of my Savior I pray. Amen.



JESUS BREAKS BREAD

As they were eating, Jesus took some bread and blessed it. Then He broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, “Take it, for this is My Body.” And He took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them, and they all drank from it. And He said to them, “This is My Blood, which confirms the covenant between God and His people. It is poured out as a sacrifice for many.”—Mark 14:22–24 (NLT)

It was at the Passover meal that Christ taught us what the New Covenant was. No longer would we be bound to the unachievable standards of the Law. Through Christ’s blood, we can now be saved by grace through faith in Him.

How does your life demonstrate
the grace you have been given through Christ?

How does the authority and character of our God
bring you comfort?

How do you regularly reflect on the eternal hope
you have through Christ?

Father, I am so thankful that You sent Your Son to die for me. To be freely offered grace, mercy, and forgiveness is more than my mind can comprehend. Show me each day how to live my life in gratitude for all You have done for me, and help me to be bold when sharing Christ with others. In His name I ask. Amen.



JESUS PRAYS
IN THE GARDEN

He walked away, about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, "Father, if You are willing, please take this cup of suffering away from Me. Yet I want Your will to be done, not Mine."—Luke 22:41–42 (NLT)

Christ knows what it is like to have to submit to God the Father's will. There is dread and pleading in His prayer, but also complete surrender. The sinless lamb would soon die for the sins of the world.

What areas in your life do you need to surrender to the Lord?

How have you seen God's faithfulness in times of trial and sorrow?

Why is "dying to self" necessary in the Christian walk?



Father, the fact that Christ modeled what it is like to surrender completely to You is an example I need daily. Help me to offer every part of my heart and life to You. Your will be done, my dearest Lord. In Christ's name I pray. Amen.



JESUS IS BETRAYED

While Jesus was still in the garden praying, Judas, one of the twelve disciples, arrived with a crowd of men armed with swords and clubs. They had been sent by the leading priests and elders of the people. The traitor, Judas, had given them a prearranged signal: "You will know which one to arrest when I greet him with a kiss." So Judas came straight to Jesus. "Greetings, Rabbi!" he exclaimed and gave Him the kiss. Jesus said, "My friend, go ahead and do what you have come for."—Matthew 26:47–50 (NLT)

The Old Testament prophesied that the Messiah would be betrayed, but even so, Jesus must have been so hurt by the actions of Judas. The hurt stung worse since their friendship was traded for a mere thirty pieces of silver, which was the average price for a slave in that day and age.

Are there any areas in your life where you have betrayed the Lord?

Is there someone you need to forgive or ask forgiveness from?

How does the forgiveness Christ offers humble you?

Father, I realize my sin is an offense to You, and that grieves me. Would You bring to mind any unconfessed sin so that I can repent? I desire to bring You glory and to live for only You. Help me to show Your love to those around me. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.



JESUS GOES TO THE CROSS

"I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in Me will live, even after dying. Everyone who lives in Me and believes in Me will never ever die."—John 11:25–26 (NLT)

Jesus came to earth with the intention of bearing our sin and dying the death we deserve. His shed blood paid our ransom. If you have never trusted in Christ for your forgiveness, do that now. Don't put it off any longer. He offers you a full pardon, covers you in His grace and love, and He alone can redeem all your hurts and sorrows.

You are welcome to pray on the stage or in the rows of chairs. There will be staff members nearby should you desire to have someone to pray for you or with you. If you have trusted in Jesus today, would you let us know? We want to celebrate with you and help you in your new journey as a Christian.

How does reflecting on Christ's death and resurrection
convict you of your need for a Savior?

What does the sacrifice of Jesus on your behalf
mean to you personally?

How can you worship the Lord daily?

Father, I am so grateful that Christ died for me. Would You help me to grow in my faith and knowledge of You and Your Word? Change my heart to reflect You and to exhibit the peace and joy that comes from only You. Help me to be fearless in proclaiming the truth of Jesus to the world around me. In my Savior's name I ask. Amen.

If you have questions or prayer requests, please reach out to our staff. Visit the information desk, or contact info@stonebriar.org any time, and we would be glad to talk with you.

The Story Isn't Over.

The events of Maundy Thursday are only part of the story. Join us for worship on Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday as we continue to reflect on Jesus' sacrifice and celebrate His glorious victory over sin and death.

GOOD FRIDAY | APRIL 7 | 7 P.M.

RESURRECTION SUNDAY | APRIL 9 | 9 & 10:45 A.M.

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