

Betrayal, Denial, and the Triumph of Grace

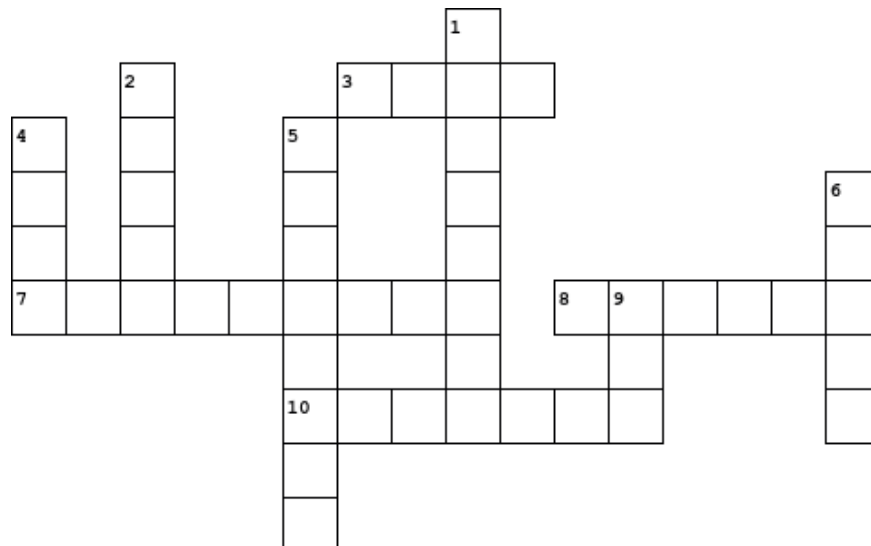
Human weakness, Christ's faithfulness, and the hope of restoration.

Sermon Questions

1. Jesus instructed his disciples to _____ in preparation for this time of testing.
2. It is surprising that one who preached the gospel would betray Jesus. (True/False)
3. A customary greeting in the ancient world: _____
4. Who attacked one of the priests' servants with a sword? _____
5. This event shows us that Jesus is a pacifist (violence is always unjustified). (True/False)
6. This event shows us that Jesus is in submission to the will of _____.
7. When Jesus says "your hour" he refers to a time when _____ seems to have the upper hand.
8. What were the warnings signs that preceded Peter's denial?
 - i. His insistence that he would never _____ Jesus.
 - ii. His downplaying the reality of the _____ and the trial ahead.
 - iii. His overconfidence in his own faith and _____.
 - iv. His lack of _____, indicating prideful self-sufficiency.
9. When Judas looked at Jesus, he was _____.
10. When Peter looked at Jesus, he was _____.
11. What is the condition of your heart when you "look" at Jesus? _____

Discussion/Meditation Questions

1. This text highlights the failures of Judas and Peter during Jesus' arrest. How do their actions reveal common struggles in our own faith, and what can we learn from their contrasting responses to sin when confronted by Jesus?
2. Jesus urged his disciples to pray to avoid temptation, yet they slept. How does a lack of prayer in our lives, as seen in Peter's example, leave us vulnerable to spiritual failure, and what practical steps can we take to strengthen this discipline of prayer?
3. Even amidst betrayal and arrest, Jesus showed compassion by healing the servant's ear and enduring the "hour of darkness." How does Christ encourage us to trust God's sovereignty and respond with grace when facing our own trials or "hours of darkness"?
4. What was your most significant take-away from this passage and sermon? Share this with another brother or sister in the fellowship.



Across

3. What Jesus urged His disciples to do to avoid temptation
7. Jesus submitted to this, fulfilled through His arrest
8. What Peter did three times to Jesus
10. The animal that crowed after Peter's third denial

Down

1. Jesus called this time the "hour of" what?
2. The disciple who cut off the servant's ear
4. The act Judas used to identify Jesus
5. Peter wept this way after denying Jesus
6. The disciple who betrayed Jesus with a kiss
9. Jesus healed this body part of the high priest's servant