

I've never went through all of the events of Jesus' last week before His crucifixion in chronological order. I knew most of the stories but had never put them together. As Scott taught, I was really struck by Jesus' actions the night before He knew He would die. John 17 describes Jesus praying for Himself, His Disciples, and for all believers. That means Jesus prayed for you and me the night before He knew He was going to die a horrific death. And during His last week Jesus also served His disciples. He spent time with them. He washed their feet. He ate a meal with them. He taught them. He served and loved them, even though He knew His time to die was quickly approaching. I think this idea of serving in the midst of our pain goes against our natural human desire. It's very easy to focus on ourselves and forget others. And yet I saw a beautiful glimpse of this servant-heart in a believer this past week.

"Sue" has been taking care of her husband as he recuperates from chemotherapy and radiation. The disease and treatment have left him physically and emotionally exhausted and extremely susceptible to common illnesses. He is weak and weary. They have two children still in school. "Sue" had to find a part-time job since her husband lost his due to the illness. When you talk to her, she smiles and there's concern in her eyes, but she's hopeful. And she's grateful for the dozens of families that have brought meals and gift cards. Last week I received an email request to help a family with a meal, and I was so surprised to see that "Sue" was one of the first ones to sign up. In the middle of her own hurt, in the midst of the unknown, she is serving others and blessing them with the generosity of Jesus. This is Passion Week. Let's choose to love and serve like Jesus did.

### Questions to Consider:

The Greatest Commandment is "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. And love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:37, 39) John 3:16 tells us that God loved us so much He sent His Son to save us. If I haven't already, Easter is the perfect opportunity to accept this gift and then respond to it. How will I answer?

"No love is higher, No love is wider  
 No love is deeper, No love is truer  
 No love is higher, No love is wider  
 No love is like your love, Oh Lord" – Give an example of how I've experienced this kind of love.

Talk about the events during Passion Week and what stands out to you.

***This month's memory verse:*** Luke 24:45 "Then he opened their minds so they could understand the scriptures. He told them, 'This is what is written; The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day.'"

***Additional Verses:*** Matthew 2, 26, 27, Mark 11 – 17, Luke 2, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 13 – 16, 19, 22, John 13 – 17

## Reminders:

**\*\* 4.6 - A powerful Good Friday Experience from 6:30 - 7:30 in Dominican Hall \*\***

**4.8 – The Gathering at SHU at 10am... “EASTER Sunday @ Mosaic - Resurrection!”**

Join us for Easter as we unpack the one event in human history that changed everything! Come hear some real life ‘resurrection’ stories in 2012.

**4.15 – The Gathering at SHU at 10am... “The MARK’s of Christ”**

This week we begin a journey into the Gospel of Mark. Diving deep into the life of Jesus and asking, how do we make the ‘marks’ of our life look more and more like the ‘marks’ of Jesus’ life?

**4.22 – The Gathering at SHU at 10am... “The MARK’s of Christ” & ‘4 the City!’**

What does the Gospel of Mark remind us about Communion? Join us for an extend time of worship, reflection & celebration. **4 the City** event to follow!

**4.29 – The Gathering at SHU at 10am... “Family Fun Morning - Mosaic’s got Talent”**

Join us as we come gather this week to simply celebrate life through laughter & community together! This will be an hour long family experience that you will not want to miss. Then lunch together @ Island Park!

## **Radical Reminder:**

I will pray for the entire world.

I will read through the entire Word.

I will sacrifice my money for a specific purpose.

I will spend time in another context.

I will commit my life to a multiplying community.

How am I doing in each of these areas?