

SERMON NOTES

Date

Use this sheet to help you think through the sermon today.

Preacher/Speaker
Scripture Passage
Additional Verses

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What is the main idea of this sermon?	What key words/thoughts are important?
What did we learn about God from this passage?	
What does God want me to do or believe in response to this passage?	
What was my favorite song lyric today?	What is something I didn’t understand?

Day One—Sermon Application

The Pharisees—a conservative religious group—took pride in their prestigious role as the only ones doing God’s will. They sought to obstruct Jesus in every step of His ministry—often challenging him and even conspiring to put him to death. Read John 6:35-47. **What did Jesus teach in this passage that contradicted the Pharisees way of thinking? Do you recognize any tendencies or thought patterns that indicate you are becoming more like the Pharisees?**

We need to ask:

- **What should we do to ensure we are following God’s plans and not our own?**
- **What might need to change—our attitude, priorities, or pattern of behavior?**
- **What actions have you seen (or done) that have hindered the gospel from reaching the hearts of those who need to hear and receive it?**

Day Two—Worship Preparation

Next week, we will be singing what may be a new song to some—“Man of Sorrows.” If you do not know it, please take some time to watch the video at the link below.

Man of sorrows Lamb of God	Oh that rugged cross
By His own betrayed	My salvation
The sin of man and wrath of God	Where Your love poured out over me
Has been on Jesus laid	Now my soul cries out
Silent as He stood accused	Hallelujah
Beaten mocked and scorned	Praise and honour unto Thee
Bowing to the Father's will	
He took a crown of thorns	https://youtu.be/YIOJ5o8W4Lw

Day Three—Sermon Anticipation

Many modern churches admit that they have deliberately redesigned the worship service in order to make as few demands as possible on the person in the pew. Their reasoning is that they do not want the "unchurched" to feel intimidated.

Christianity is not a spectator sport. Practically the worst thing any churchgoer can do is be a hearer but not a doer (**James 1:22-25**). Christ himself pronounced doom on religious people who wanted to be mere bystanders (**Matthew 7:26-27**).

This is why Scripture portrays the church as a body—an organism with many parts, where each member has a unique role, and all contribute something important to the life of the body (**1 Corinthians 12:14-26**).

Spend some time today meditating on these passages. Ask the Lord a few questions:
Lord, am I a member of a local body? Lord, am I faithfully using my talent in this body? Lord, what positive or negative things are happening at Temple because of the way we are all functioning or not functioning together?