

FOOD FOR THOUGHT *(continued)*

TAKING IT HOME

1. Read **John 21:1-19**.

- What stands out to you about these verses? Any observations?

- Notice the invitation Jesus extends to Peter in verse 19. What did that represent for Peter?

- What does this story reveal to us about Jesus? Is there a command to obey or an example to follow?

2. In his letter to first-century Christians, most of whom he never met, Peter writes: *“He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right.”*

Peter was convinced that Jesus' death paid for your sin. What convinced him? Are you convinced? Why or why not?

3. What might God be asking you to do with this message?

MESSAGE NOTES

The Rest Of The Story // Week 7

Our past may remind us, but it doesn't have to _____ us.

*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 new covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice for many.” **Mark 14:22-24***

They took Jesus to the high priest's home where the leading priests, the elders, and the teachers of religious law had gathered. Meanwhile, Peter followed him at a distance and went right into the high priest's courtyard. There he sat with the guards, warming himself by the fire. Inside, the leading priests and the entire high council were trying to find evidence against Jesus, so they could put him to death. But they couldn't find any. Many false witnesses spoke against him, but they contradicted each other. “Well, aren't you going to answer these charges? What do you have to say for yourself?” But Jesus was silent and made no reply. “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?” Jesus said, “I am. And you will see the Son of Man seated in the place of power at God's right hand and coming on the clouds of heaven.” Then the high priest tore his clothing to show his horror and said, “Why do we need other witnesses? You have all heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?” “Guilty!” they all cried. “He deserves to die!” Then some of them began to spit at him, and they blindfolded him and beat him with their fists. “Prophecy to us,” they jeered. And the guards slapped him as they took him away.

*One of the servant girls who worked for the high priest came by and noticed Peter warming himself at the fire. She looked at him closely and said, “You were one of those with Jesus of Nazareth.” But Peter denied it. “This man is definitely one of them!” But Peter denied it again. A little later some of the other bystanders confronted Peter and said, “You must be one of them, because you are a Galilean.” Peter swore, “A curse on me if I'm lying - I don't know this man you're talking about!” And immediately the rooster crowed. Suddenly, Jesus' words flashed through Peter's mind: “Before the rooster crows, you will deny three times that you even know me.” And he broke down and wept. **Mark 14:53-72***

*And they brought Jesus to a place called Golgatha. And they crucified him. **Mark 15:24***

Jesus' desire to save _____ was why he didn't save himself.

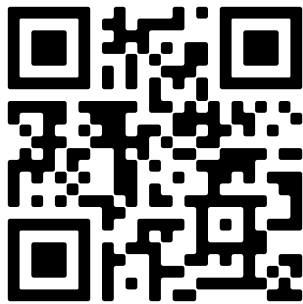
*At noon, darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock. Then at three o'clock Jesus called out with a loud voice, “My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?” Then Jesus uttered another loud cry and breathed his last. The curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. **Mark 15:33-38***

MEMORY VERSE:

*He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. **1 Peter 2:24***

PERSONAL NOTES

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“Be doers of the word and not hearers only...” *James 1:22*



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Many of our Groups are currently in session. We encourage you to take these questions home with you and **WRITE DOWN YOUR ANSWERS.** Use it for personal study, or with your Group!

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. As you reflect on the talk from this weekend, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

2. What are some characteristics of someone who knows they are forgiven?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read **Mark 14:66-72**

- What stands out to you? Any observations?

- Do you ever wonder if God could really forgive you for *everything*?

- In what ways can you identify with how Peter felt in that moment?