

Family Worship
Week of July 5, 2026

Instruction: Whatever time of day works best each day for you or your family, use the prompts below to spend a few minutes together in prayer and the Word. Open and close each session with a simple prayer. Use the questions for meditation or discussion.

Sermon Meditations: Despised and Rejected by Men

Monday

- Open in Prayer
- Read: John 18:28-32
- Meditation: Pastor Nathan's first point was "Selected for the Slaughter". After an intense interrogation by the high priest, Jesus was led to the headquarters of Pilate. Jesus was bound and presented to Pilate for judgment. It was the time of Passover. The imagery is meant to draw our minds to the binding of a lamb for the slaughter for the meal at Passover. How would Jesus serve as the Passover lamb in the coming hours? Even though Jesus is bound and led, how is he in control of the circumstances? Why is Jesus so willing to lay down his life?
- Close in prayer

Tuesday

- Open in Prayer
- Read: John 18:28-32
- Meditation: Pastor Nathan's second point was "Substituted for Sinners". Jesus has been brought to Pilate's headquarters which is the place of judgment. He asks what the charges are, and they do not give any other than he is evil. Why were the religious leaders already defiled despite their not entering into the house of a Gentile? How is Jesus a substitute for sinners? What had to be true of Jesus in order for him to be a substitute? How do we receive the righteousness of Jesus when we are covered in our sin?
- Close in prayer

Wednesday

- Open in Prayer
- Read: John 18:28-32
- Meditation: Pastor Nathan's third point was "Spurned by Man, Stricken by God". The Jews want to be rid of Jesus and try to pass him off to Pilate to be crucified. Pilate doesn't want Jesus either as he tells the Jews to judge him according to their law. How was this a fulfillment of Old Testament passages such as Psalm 22 and Isaiah 53? What does this rejection prove about Jesus' claim to be the Messiah? Why was it important for him to be crucified rather than to be stoned according to the Jewish law? Read Eph 1:7 and John 1:12. Discuss the implications of these passages and the response we are to have.
- Close in prayer

Preparing Our Hearts to Receive the Word

Thursday

- Open in Prayer
- Read: John 18:33-38a
- Meditation: What questions do you have about this text? Is there anything confusing or curious? Does anything stand out as important?
- Close in Prayer

Friday

- Open in Prayer
- Read: John 18:33-38a
- Meditation: Westminster Shorter Catechism Question 4 asks, "What do the Scriptures principally teach?" Answer: "The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God and what duty God requires of man." What does this passage teach us about God's character and work? What does it teach us about our own hearts and need for a Savior and how we ought to live in the world as followers of Christ?
- Close in Prayer