

High-Jacked “High Noon”

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Main Scripture: Matthew 26:1-16

Referenced Scripture: Psalm 22, Isaiah 53, 1 Corinthians 10:5, Matthew 27:45-54, Acts 27:25-31, 43-44, 28:1-6

OPEN:

1. What in particular spoke to you from Pastor Bob’s message?
2. Some have been “hijacked”, others have been “high-jacked”. What is your new understanding of these terms?

DIG DEEPER:

1. In **Matthew 26:4** we see that so many of the religious leaders and people “*plotted to take Jesus by trickery and kill Him.*” Why are people still trying to do this 2000 later? How do you now see the difference between being “hijacked” and “being high-jacked”?
2. In the context of being “hijacked” or “high-jacked”, how do understand the woman in **Matthew 26:7** to be sold out to Jesus, and Judas, in **Matthew 26:14-16** to have sold out Jesus? What character traits can you identify in each?
3. How does the woman (the true worshipper) in **Matthew 26:7** demonstrate the principle that *holding out is missing out* on God’s full blessing in our lives? What application do find in this passage to your own life?
4. How does Judas (the villain) in **Matthew 26:14-16** demonstrate that he was “not all in”? What does “not all in” with Jesus look like for us today?
5. Simon the leper (the host) is mentioned in **Matthew 26:6**. What significance do you see in the fact that Simon is called “the leper”, as he would have had to have already been healed and no longer an outcast, but still known by his old identity, even though God desired to set him free from the old life. What application do find for us in this passage?
6. Paul reminds us not to abandon ship in **Acts 27:31**. For us today “ship” can represent fellowSHIP, worSHIP, or stewardSHIP, and in the crisis some abandon the “ship”. Sometimes we have to endure the crisis for God to help us. Why do so abandon fellowship, worship, or stewardship in times of crisis?

REFLECT:

1. In what way are you “all in” or not “all in” with Jesus?
2. How has crisis caused you to abandon the “ship”? What does this imply about being “hijacked” rather than “high-jacked”? How can you better respond to crisis which is an inevitable part of life?

MEMORY VERSE:

Acts 27:31

‘Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, “Unless these men stay in the ship, you cannot be saved.”’

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