

# Listening Guide

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This Listening Guide is designed to help you ask questions and take notes on what you're learning. The process will accomplish two things: first, it will help process the information in the lecture by keeping your mind engaged with the material. Second, it will allow you to collect your notes in one place for a summary of the lesson's content. If you choose to do additional study or want to teach the material to others, you will have a thorough set of notes to guide you.

You may print these Listening Guide pages separately and complete the information as you read, listen to, or watch the lessons. Or as an alternative, you can fill in the fields in this digital version and save to your computer once you are finished.

## **I. Introduction**

[1] What "narrative" is the focus of this lesson?

## **II. Maundy Thursday**

[2] Why do we call Thursday of Passion Week Maundy Thursday?

### **A. Last Supper**

[3] What event was Jesus celebrating with His disciples at the Last Supper

[4] What two events are memorialized in the Last Supper?

### **B. Farewell Discourse**

[5] What does John's gospel add to the description of this event that the Synoptic gospels don't include?

[6] What did Jesus promise in John 14-17?

[7] What important request did Jesus make in His prayer that the contemporary Church tends to work against?

[8] What is Church unity so important?

### **C. Garden of Gethsemane**

[9] What was Jesus struggling with in the Garden of Gethsemane?

## **D. Betrayal and Arrest**

### **III. Thursday-Friday**

**[10]** Why was Jesus taken to Annas's house even though he was a "former" high priest?

#### **A. Trial before Caiaphas**

**[11]** Notice how a deeper understanding of Jewish and Roman laws and customs contribute to our understanding of biblical events.

**[12]** What great claim did Jesus make at his trial?

#### **B. Son of Man**

**[13]** What did Jesus add to his self-description by claiming to be the Son of Man?

**[14]** What may we want to change in our thinking about the Son of Man title?

### **C. Questions about Trial**

[15] What explanation did Dr. Blomberg give here for the irregularities at Jesus' trial?

## **IV. Friday**

### **A. Jesus before Pilate**

[16] Why did Pilate send Jesus to Herod – and then Herod send Jesus back to Pilate?

### **B. Death by Crucifixion**

### **C. Seven Sayings**

[17] What did Dr. Blomberg use Jesus' seven sayings to epitomize?

[18] What was Jesus modeling with these words?

[19] What do we learn from Jesus' second saying?

[20] What attribute did Jesus display with His third saying?

[21] What terrible consequence of bearing the world's sin did Jesus describe in his fourth saying?

[22] In what two ways did Jesus thirst?

[23] What two things were “finished”?

## **V. Sunday**

### **A. Resurrection**

[24] How do you relate to this miracle over which many people stumble? Is it easy for you to believe or do you wrestle with it?

### **B. Possible Alternatives**

[25] Dr. Blomberg listed four of the many ways skeptics explain their resistance to Christ's resurrection – and Christians have countered. Do any of these four challenges particularly challenge – or responses particularly encourage your belief in the resurrection?

[26] What was Paul's invitation to those who doubted the resurrection?

### **C. Significance for Believers** - *"If we are open to the possibility..."*

[27] How important is Jesus' resurrection to the Christian message? Why?

[28] How "real" was Jesus' humanity and His physical body after the resurrection? What is that point important?

### **Reflection**

Record one new fact or insight you discovered in this lesson.

## **Application**

As you reflect on this lesson in particular, you may want to pause for some time of meditation and worship for what Jesus did for you. And then, picture a few Christians – a spouse, your children, a close Christian friend and thank God that they are enjoying the abundant life Jesus provided for them. Then picture someone you know who has not yet come to faith and ask the Holy Spirit minister to them and bring them to a saving relationship with Jesus. Pray He will give you opportunities to share the message with that person.

If you don't already do so, begin including in your prayer time a reminder of His provision and a time of thanking Him for His generous gift of salvation and of what that gift says to His followers about His concern for our needs.