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Labyrinth Station #1

Luke 22: 35-37

Supplies for the Road

35 And He said to them, “When I sent you without money bag, knapsack, and sandals, did you lack anything?”

So they said, “Nothing.”

36 Then He said to them, “But now, he who has a money bag, let him take it, and likewise a knapsack; and he who has no sword, let him sell his garment and buy one. 37 For I say to you that this which is written must still be accomplished in Me: ‘And He was numbered with the transgressors.’ For the things concerning Me have an end.”

The disciples were preparing for a journey and they would have no idea how it would end. Take some time to reflect on the journey you are on, and how Jesus has been with you so far.

Labyrinth Station #2

Luke 22: 47-53

Betrayal and Arrest in Gethsemane

47 And while He was still speaking, behold, a multitude; and he who was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them and drew near to Jesus to kiss Him. 48 But Jesus said to him, “Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?”

49 When those around Him saw what was going to happen, they said to Him, “Lord, shall we strike with the sword?” 50 And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear.

51 But Jesus answered and said, “Permit even this.” And He touched his ear and healed him.

52 Then Jesus said to the chief priests, captains of the temple, and the elders who had come to Him, “Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs? 53 When I was with you daily in the temple, you did not try to seize Me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness.”

When Jesus needed them the most, the disciples fled. Peter even denied knowing him. Take some time to reflect on how we deny Jesus. Are there people who suffer because of our silence?

Labyrinth Station #4

Luke 22: 55-62

Peter Denies Jesus, and Weeps Bitterly

55 Now when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. **56** And a certain servant girl, seeing him as he sat by the fire, looked intently at him and said, "This man was also with Him."

57 But he denied Him, saying, "Woman, I do not know Him."

58 And after a little while another saw him and said, "You also are of them."

But Peter said, "Man, I am not!"

59 Then after about an hour had passed, another confidently affirmed, saying, "Surely this fellow also was with Him, for he is a Galilean."

60 But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are saying!"

Immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. **61** And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, [h] you will deny Me three times." **62** So Peter went out and wept bitterly.

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Luke 22: 66-71

Jesus Faces the Sanhedrin

66 As soon as it was day, the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, came together and led Him into their council, saying, **67** "If You are the Christ, tell us."

But He said to them, "If I tell you, you will by no means believe. **68** And if I also ask you, you will by no means answer Me or let Me go. **69** Hereafter the Son of Man will sit on the right hand of the power of God."

70 Then they all said, "Are You then the Son of God?"

So He said to them, "You rightly say that I am."

71 And they said, "What further testimony do we need? For we have heard it ourselves from His own mouth."

Jesus spoke the truth and his enemies would not hear it. We trust that the Holy Spirit will empower us to speak boldly. We must be ready for when the world refuses to listen, but we must continue to speak on his behalf.

Labyrinth Station #7

Luke 23: 1-5

Jesus Handed Over to Pontius Pilate

1 Then the whole multitude of them arose and led Him to Pilate. **2** And they began to accuse Him, saying, “We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, saying that He Himself is Christ, a King.”

3 Then Pilate asked Him, saying, “Are You the King of the Jews?”

He answered him and said, “It is as you say.”

4 So Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowd, “I find no fault in this Man.”

5 But they were the more fierce, saying, “He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee to this place.”

Jesus stood before Herod as the real King. No government, then or now, could claim a greater power. This is one more sign of the great showdown. Which side will win, the powers of this earth, or the powers of heaven? We know what happened then, who will win in your life?

Labyrinth Station #8

Luke 23: 26-28

Taking The King on a Cross

26 Now as they led Him away, they laid hold of a certain man, Simon a Cyrenian, who was coming from the country, and on him they laid the cross that he might bear it after Jesus.

27 And a great multitude of the people followed Him, and women who also mourned and lamented Him. **28** But Jesus, turning to them, said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.”

Jesus also called us to carry our crosses. Before he died and before his followers knew he would be crucified, he told them to pick up their crosses. What is your cross? What does it look like to carry that cross in our world?

Ask God for the power to live out your calling.

Labyrinth Station #3

Jesus was rejected and abandoned in his last hours on earth.

As you walk through this part of the maze, reflect on how it would feel to have the people closest to you turn their backs on you.

Reflect on how you have turned your back on God.

Labyrinth Station #5

You are now sitting at the foot of the cross.

Put yourself in the shoes of his followers as they stood at the foot of the cross.

Had Jesus failed?

What was going to happen next?

How would they move forward without him?

Reflect too on those who live outside of God's loving kingdom.

