

March 30,31 2019

“The Lonely Way”
Matthew 26:36–46

Message by Rob Bashioum
Worship led by Noah Reed

Music:

This is Amazing Grace	Lead Me To The Cross	Reckless Love
Death Arrested	Love Came Down	

Sermon:

“From the time when He bowed in agony amid the of the Mount of Olives, till the moment when He entered the thicker darkness of the valley of death-shade, He was left to suffer alone.”
Charles Spurgeon

The way of the cross can be surprising lonely.

Expect that following Christ could cost you relationally.

Let your loneliness be formative.

Loneliness strips away the external peace, security and comfort of those around us, driving us to find these in Christ alone.

“The lonely saint is not the withdrawn person who hardens themselves against human suffering and spends their days contemplating the heavens. Just the opposite is true. Their loneliness makes them sympathetic to the approach of the broken-hearted and the fallen and the sin-bruised. Because they are detached from the world they are all the more able to help it.”
A.W. Tozer

Anticipate the joy set before you.

Let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne. Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; then you won't become weary and give up.

Hebrews 12:1-3

Where has my obedience lacked because of my unwillingness to pay the cost of loneliness?

Seek Community but Embrace the Loneliness

Consider sabbath and solitude so that you become more resilient and receptive to the seasons of loneliness.