

Where's Your Chair?

Tuesday in
Holy Week



Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of the evildoer and the oppressor.
Psalm 71:4

Praising:

When the thirty years were ended
which on earth he willed to see,
willingly he meets his passion,
born to set his people free;
on the cross the Lamb is lifted,
there the sacrifice to be.

Reading:

John 12:20-36
Jesus' soul is troubled

As Jesus opens up to Andrew
and Philip, the disciples are still a
long way from understanding that
Jesus' death isn't just inevitable
but necessary. The larger the
shadow of the cross begins to
loom, the clearer Jesus' personal
struggle becomes. It's not so
much indecision as fear, and less
fear of the unknown as fear that
is well-founded. Of course Jesus
could always ask the Father to
deliver him from the doom to

come. Yet he knows this doom is
his reason for being, the high
point of his earthly life and the
means by which his Father is to
be glorified. If the disciples
haven't quite grasped this, it will
take them even longer to see that
following Christ faithfully and
obediently is going to involve a
measure of danger and fear for
them as well.

Listening:

Praying:

As Christ's death drew closer, we
see the inner turmoil of your Son

- we pray for courage in the
face of our own gravest
worries and fears
- we pray for godly mindedness
to look past personal concerns
to the cause of the King
- we pray for servant hearts and
the will to suffer for Christ as
he suffered for us

Father: in my hours of perplexity
and soul-searching, when fear
wells up and I want a way out,
draw close to me by your Spirit,
for you are all I have. And in the
end, you are all I need. Amen

Doing:

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