

Good Friday Service

Saint John's Episcopal Church

Friday, March 28, 2024

Lessons

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Psalm 22

Hebrews 10:16-25

John 18: 1-19:42

### The Last Dance

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“He said it is finished. Then He bowed his head and gave up his spirit.”

In the name of the Holy and undivided Trinity: Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit.

- A. The greatest always have a specific time when they show why they are the greatest. MJ is one of the greatest, if not the greatest, athletes ever. I thought I saw his greatness when he was inducted into the Hall of Basketball. I am mistaken.
- B. MJ and his last statement in the Last Dance show.
- Win has a Price.
  - “When People talk about me, they say, this guy probably is a tyrant.”
  - MJ's answer to this statement: “That is your opinion because you never win anything.”
  - And He added, I want them to win, but I want to then to win as a team.”
  - Then, MJ came up with the most beautiful sequence of his entire life. This sequence of somebody is beyond “normal” people.
    1. I DON'T HAVE TO DO THAT
    2. I AM ONLY DOING IT BECAUSE I WANT TO WIN.
    3. AND THIS IS WHO I AM.
    4. THAT WAS MY MENTALITY
    5. IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO PLAY THAT WAY, DO NOT PLAY THAT WAY.
    6. At that specific moment, MJ breaks into tears. He even called for a break, and the last dance finished at that moment. That was the last image of MJ

C. I cannot find a better analogy to compare Jesus' greatness. (When I say greatness, I mean the greatest ever.) The begotten Son of God (using the idea of MJ's documentary) is at his Last Dance before he passes from this world to the Father.

- First, how does winning look in Jesus' way? (Jesus wants us to be children of the Light and the Truth.
- Second, as MJ said, winning has a price; therefore, to be children of the light has a Price. We have to be like Jesus.
- Third, Jesus, through his life, made many enemies. Therefore, we are going to grow enemies in our lives.
- Finally, nobody could do the signs he did, and he tried to teach his disciples how to play like him in a team. Lisa last night commented about staying together. These are the greatest signs ever.

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D. But still, we need to reflect on Jesus's strongest statement. (Like Mike)

- Jesus did not need to do this.
- He did it because he wanted to take us back to his Father
- Of course, everything that has been by him is because of who he is: Jesus's identity.
- Now, he faces the consequence of his way of living, which is how he plays. He gave his life. He said, "It is finished. Then He bowed his head and gave up his spirit."
- This was the way that Jesus played the game. He lived only to glorify His Father. To bring light to the darkness. That was "Jesus Last Dance". It looks like he called for a Break.

E. How do you go to play: Jesus's way with the hardest or the world of darkness (the easiest way)

F. Altar.

- This altar is the Jesus's last dance. You play in his way or not.
- Break.