



EIGHT PILLARS OF FAITH
WEEK 7: CONFESSION – LUKE 9:18-20
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Faith: Luke 17: 1-10
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Confession: Luke 9:18-20

Now it happened that as he was praying alone, the disciples were with him. And he asked them, "Who do the crowds say that I am?" ¹⁹And they answered, "John the Baptist. But others say, Elijah, and others, that one of the prophets of old has risen." ²⁰Then he said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" And Peter answered, "The Christ of God." ²¹And he strictly charged and commanded them to tell this to no one, ²²saying, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised." ²³And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." - Luke 9:18-23

True confession flows from knowing Jesus and surrendering to him

Confession begins with prayer

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Confession cannot be built on a secondhand faith

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- The crowd on Palm Sunday:

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, ¹⁵"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" - John 12:12-15

- The crowd that assembled before Pilate:

But they all cried out together, "Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas" — ¹⁹a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder. ²⁰Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, ²¹but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" - Luke 23:18-21



Confession of Jesus reveals our faith

Then he said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" And Peter answered, "The Christ of God."
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When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs."
¹⁶He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep." - John 21:15-17

Confession of sin leads to change

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Lord's Supper

And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves."
¹⁸For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."
¹⁹And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. - Luke 22:17-20