

MARCH 29

Communion is...

Communion is face time with Jesus.

Read Matthew 26:66–68

With each verse we read, it only gets worse. The assaults against Jesus move from words and threats to evil violence and mocking. These verses are so painful. I'm left without words and a deep ache in my gut when I read them.

Because what kinds of words are there for that kind of evil? That kind of assault against our holy Jesus. And the reality is, the evil has only begun. We know it will only get worse.

I don't really have any words, but as I sat with Jesus and looked into His heart, He whispered to me, "Look at My face" and I was drawn to realize that the violence against Him first began toward His face. His eyes that pierced with love, His mouth that spoke Truth, His lips that smiled with grace. Verse 66 tells us, **"they spat in His face."**

A person's face reveals their heart. These men who were filled with evil couldn't stand to look at Jesus' holy face, so instead they attacked it.

It is hard to look at Jesus' face in this moment. Because I can't stand to see this kind of evil, and in His defense, I want Him to speak out words of condemnation upon them. How dare they treat Jesus' this way. But I am reminded not only of Jesus' whisper to me in these moments of reading this portion of Scripture, but of the many places in Scripture that tell us to seek His face.

A person's face truly does reveal their heart. I believe the Lord is allowing us to see this part of the story, so that we can see Jesus' heart. See as we seek Jesus' face in this moment, and look intently toward it, we really do see His heart of love. We see He was willing to go through this evil and much more to come, so that His face could eternally radiate His love for us!

Sometimes the stories around the communion table are painful and this is definitely one of them. But thankfully we can look across the table at the face of our Lord Jesus and see His face shining again. May we ever seek His face...

Prayer Conversation Starter...

Jesus, I am seeking Your face. May I always be in wonder at what I find there... the love in Your eyes, Your smile of mercy and grace, and the words of Truth that come from Your mouth...



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