

# Garden to Garden — Part 2

## Bible Study

### "The Most Backward Day In History"

#### Bible Reading:

1. Romans 5:6-8
2. Isaiah 55:9
3. Acts 2:22-23

#### Observation Questions:

1. How does Isaiah 55:9 describe the difference between God's ways and human ways?
2. In Acts 2:22-23, how does Peter explain the events of Jesus' crucifixion in terms of God's plan and human actions?
3. According to Romans 5:6-8, what is the significance of Christ dying for us while we were still sinners?

#### Interpretation Questions:

1. How does the paradox of the cross challenge our understanding of victory and defeat in our own lives?
2. What does Pastor Joel's sermon suggest about the relationship between God's love and justice as demonstrated on the cross?
3. How does Judas' betrayal serve as a warning against superficial faith, and what does it reveal about the nature of true devotion to Christ?



### Application Questions:

- 1.** Reflect on a time when life seemed backward or confusing. How can trusting in God's higher ways, as described in Isaiah 55:9, provide comfort and guidance in such situations?
- 2.** Pastor Joel highlighted the danger of false believers and superficial faith. Are there areas in your life where you might be outwardly showing devotion but inwardly struggling with loyalty to Christ? How can you address this?
- 3.** Consider Peter's impulsive actions in the garden. Are there situations where you rely on your own strength and understanding rather than seeking God's guidance? How can you practice trusting in God's wisdom and sovereignty more fully?
- 4.** How can the paradox of the cross inspire you to view challenges and setbacks in your life as potential opportunities for God's victory and redemption?
- 5.** Reflect on the dual reality of God's love and justice as demonstrated on the cross. How does this understanding impact your understanding of forgiveness and justice in your personal relationships?
- 6.** Judas' actions remind us of the need to examine our hearts for genuine faith and commitment. What practical steps can you take this week to deepen your relationship with Christ and ensure your faith is authentic and wholehearted?

