

December 1st Sermon notes

Introduction

- **Monthly Theme:** The Gift of the Gospel (December)
- **Message Title:** "The Prayer that Transcends Time"
- **Connecting Christmas to Easter:**
 - **Mark 10:45:** Jesus' purpose - to give His life as a ransom.
 - **Luke 2:11:** Birth of a Savior in Bethlehem.
 - **Matthew 1:21:** Jesus named for saving people from their sins.
- **Main Idea:** Encourage prayer for those who have not received the gospel.
- **Reflection Prompt:** Think of someone who hasn't embraced the gospel.

Text: Luke 23:33-38

Crucifixion Scene:

- Jesus crucified and mocked.
- Soldiers casting lots for His clothes.
- Jesus prays: "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."
- **Prayer Scope:** Beyond those present; inclusive of all humanity.
- **Call for Grace:** Recognize brokenness, seek God's grace.

Journal Insight:

- Jesus' prayer extends to all people, including me.
- Personal gratitude for the revelation of Jesus.
- Transformation from religious figure to personal Savior.
- Prayer for friends, family, and associates.
- Seeing Jesus as a personal, loving figure.
- Relationship over religious rituals.
- Experience of acceptance, love, and freedom in Jesus.

Indifference and Hostility: The world's deception by the evil one

Pray for Christ's Influence: Influencing people to Christ by our prayers and our presentation.