Easter Series: Listening Pastor Justin Wichman 04/06/2025

Death, Burial, Resurrection

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?" And they answered, "John the Baptist. But others say, Elijah, and others, that one of the prophets of old has risen." Then he said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" And Peter answered, "The Christ of God."[...]

And he strictly charged and commanded them to tell this to no one, 22 saying, "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."

- Luke 9:18 - 22

And all were astonished at the majesty of God. But while they were all marveling at everything he was doing, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let these words sink into your ears: The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men."

But they did not understand this saying, and it was concealed from them, so that they might not perceive it. And they were afraid to ask him about this saying.

- Luke 9:43-45

And taking the twelve, he said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. [...]

And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise." 34 But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

- Luke 18:31-34

Not Listening

Mark 3:1-5

Selective Listening

Due to Rebellion (Ex 16)

Due to Affliction (Ex 4:31, 5:20-23, 6:9)

Due to Fear (Nm 13:25-33)

Due to Closemindedness (Lk 24:25-27)

What are we prone to selectively listen about?

- •Our Sin
- Our Understanding
 - Jonah (Jnh 4:2)
 - Loving God (1 John, Nahum 1)
 - Freedom in Christ (Gal 3, Jms 2)

Attentive Listening

And he said to them, "Pay attention to what you hear: with the measure you use, it will be measured to you, and still more will be added to you. For to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away."

- Mark 4:24-25

Pay Attention (Mk 4:24)

Understand (Jms 1:5-6)

Have Faith (Gal 3:2-6)

Obey (Jams 2:22) by putting into practice

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

- John 16:12-13

You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works;

- James 2:22