

# The Silence of Jesus

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March 10

Read: Matthew 26:59-68 Jim VerWoerd

As I pondered writing this devotional, I became aware of how many themes are associated with the story of Christ's suffering and crucifixion. The one that stood out in my mind the most though, was the silence of Jesus from the time he was arrested to the time he was crucified. He said virtually nothing during this time. Jesus knew what his mission was. And although he asked the Father while praying in Gethsemane, "if it is possible may this cup be taken from me," ultimately he submitted to the Father's will. Isaiah 53:7 says:

*"He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth, he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth."*

For Jesus to remain silent through his whole ordeal would have been extremely difficult. He was in "human form" and therefore subject to human weaknesses. I'm sure he wanted to lash out, to defend himself or to preach condemnation to his accusers, but his silence demonstrated his complete submission to the Father's will. For him to submit so completely, he had to trust so completely. My wish is that you also would pursue this kind of intimate relationship with God.

***Prayer: Lord, give me the wisdom to know when to be silent and let your Spirit speak. Help me to trust you so completely that I can truly say my life is in your hands. May your will be done. AMEN***

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