

# 100 Days of Prayer

## PREPARING THE WAY FOR THE LORD

WEEK 9 (Mar 22 - Mar 28)

### A Weekly Guide for 100 days of Praying to Prepare the Way for the Lord

Starting on January 25th, 2023 (Day 1), Culminating on May 4th, 2023 (Day 100)

#### KEY VERSES FOR THE WEEK: Luke 7:31-35 (NIV)

31 Jesus went on to say, “To what, then, can I compare the people of this generation? What are they like? 32 They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling out to each other:

“‘We played the pipe for you, and you did not dance;  
we sang a dirge, and you did not cry.’

33 For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, ‘He has a demon.’ 34 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and you say, ‘Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.’ 35 But wisdom is proved right by all her children.”

#### REFLECTION: *Counting the Cost*

The Pharisees in the first century had a problem with John the Baptist. John didn't dress like them. He didn't eat the food they ate. He certainly didn't talk like them. He made his home in the desert. He publicly criticized their ways and was always proclaiming that the Messiah was coming. John did not meet their expectations of a prophet. So, they spoke against him and agreed that John must have a demon.

These same religious leaders also had a problem with Jesus. Jesus lived in towns, yes, but he also spent a lot of time with the people. Perhaps too much time. He ate and drank with them, but he seemed to squander his ministry upon the nobodies and the sinners of the world. This behavior did not line up with their religious standards. The Pharisees concluded that Jesus must be a party-crasher, a self-absorbed hedonist, and a fool who made friends with the most despicable sorts in society.

Jesus would later compare the Pharisees to children in the marketplace. They were like kids who rejected the newcomers simply because these outsiders would not do what was expected of them. Nothing would make the Pharisees happy because they were fickle and jealous and hypocrites. So, they condemned and rejected John and Jesus, even though they were both hand-picked and sent by God.

But none of this caught John or Jesus by surprise. Jesus knew full well what these leaders were like. He knew the pain and hurt their condemnation would bring. Yet, He moved forward with his plans. He knew the risks. He had counted the cost.

As God brings us closer to increasingly powerful moves of the Spirit, this nation will face new challenges. The Church can and should celebrate all the ways we see God at work. But there likely will be times of rejection. Moments of anger. Times of persecution. And it should not surprise us. We know there are risks. We need to count the cost.

Have you counted the cost for your church and for yourself personally? God is answering countless prayers as He stirs up revival in our land. Have no doubt: it will be a tremendous blessing that will bring healing and restoration to many. But it will come at a price. And it WILL be worth it.

Are you ready for what God is doing, no matter the cost?

## PRAYER POINTS:

*Use these suggested prayer items as a starting point for where the Holy Spirit will lead you...*

1. Praise God for Jesus who, for the joy set before Him, endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:2)
2. Pray that God will prepare His people to be willing to suffer for the truth in love. Pray for deep moments of encountering the Holy Spirit that will make us ready to be faithful during the mighty moves of God.
3. Pray that God would begin to shake up the things that can be shaken within our city, our churches, and families. Pray that His presence will make us steady and strong and capable to trust God more than ever before.
4. Pray for the 40 cities around the USA that will be hosting the Korean teams. Pray for an increased hunger among believers to seek God and to pray in unity across each city.
5. Pray that God's angels would bring divine protection and provision for all those who are involved in the preparation and prayers leading up to the National Day of Prayer. Pray for all weapons and plans of the evil one to be neutralized and rendered powerless.

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