The Courtroom and the Courtyard

Matthew 26:57-75

The Increasing Agony

Gethsemane has barely ended. Jesus has been betrayed and arrested. The disciples are scattering into the darkness.

And Matthew brings us immediately into two places – **a courtroom and a courtyard**.

In the **courtroom**, the religious establishment puts Jesus on trial.

What is *your* verdict about Jesus?

In the **courtyard**, Peter faces his own trial.

Will you *stand by* that verdict when the pressure rises and the crowd turns?

The Courtroom – The Judge on Trial (v. 57-68)

This was not an honest inquiry. It was a predetermined _____ waiting for evidence to support it.

Under accusation, the accused remains _____ ...

When pressed by Caiphas, Jesus responds with dramatic _____:

The Court reaches its verdict: "_____!"

The Judge of all the earth has been condemned by the court of _____.

We still put "God in the Dock" when we ...

... demand that God give a "_____" for the way He runs the universe.

... require that the Christian faith first prove itself acceptable to the _____.

... deny the category of _____ before a holy Creator.

... evaluate God by the standards of _____.

... insist that any God worth believing in must be a God we can respect by our own _____.

The Courtyard – Peter (and us) on Trial (v. 69-75)

Peter moved from _____ in the garden – drawing a sword against armed men – to _____ in the courtyard, denying Jesus before servants and bystanders.

Peter denies Jesus 3x – just as Jesus said he would.

_____ ...

_____ ...

_____ ...

His denials intensified with each attempt, growing from evasion, to distance, to outright repudiation.

Are we sometimes guilty of doing the same?

Dodging any conversations or confrontations that link us to Jesus?

Distancing ourselves from Jesus' words, standards, or followers?

Denouncing him by our silence or compromise?

But Peter is no _____.

What's the difference?

Judas's remorse led to his _____.
Peter's remorse led to his _____.

Judas felt *regret* but not _____.

Peter felt _____ sorrow – the kind Paul says "leads to repentance" (2 Cor. 7:10).

And where Peter was *unfaithful*, Jesus is _____ faithful.

Jesus sought him out, restored him, and recommissioned him (John 21:15–17).

Conclusion: Every Heart in the Dock

The courtroom asks, "What do you believe about Jesus?"

The courtyard asks, "Will you stand with Him when it matters most?"

Dr. Paul Thompson
Calvary Baptist Church
November 30, 2025

Sunday, November 30

10am Worship

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Praise ..... Tommy Perry

Advent Week 1 - Hope
Matthew 1:18-23

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed
to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. 19 And her
husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.
20 But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream,
saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in
her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save
his people from their sins." 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:
23 "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which
means, God with us).

All Creatures of Our God and King

Great Are You Lord

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Confession & Thanksgiving ..... Steven Wilson

Psalm 103:8-12

8 The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. 9 He will not
always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. 10 He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities. 11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great
is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; 12 as far as the east is from the west, so far does he
remove our transgressions from us.

Offering

Come Thou Fount

Message ..... Paul Thompson

The Courtroom and the Courtyard
Matthew 26:57-75

His Mercy Is More

Benediction ..... Charles Uptain

Lamentataions 3:22-23

22 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; 23 they are new
every morning; great is your faithfulness.

5pm Worship

Scripture Reading & Prayer ..... Zach Daniels

One Day

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Corporate Prayer ..... Charles Uptain

Message ..... Paul Thompson

Lessons in Sovereignty and Responsibility from Judas the Betrayer
Matthew 26:20-25

All Glory, Laud and Honor

November 30 AM Worship

Please note that our Sunday morning worship service on November 30 will be held in the Sanctuary.

Notice for Parents of 4-Year-Olds through Kindergarteners

On Sunday, November 30, children ages 4 through Kindergarten will attend Worship with their parents following Life Group. Life Groups will meet as scheduled; however, parents are asked to pick up their children at the conclusion of Life Group and bring them to Worship.

Thank you for your cooperation as we provide this special opportunity for families to worship together.

Pray for the Kenya Mission Trip | December 2-9

Reagan Farris and Lance Morgan will be leading a youth conference with Echoes of Mercy Mission.

First Friday Men's Breakfast

December 5 | 6am | ROC Lobby

Speaker: Tommy Perry

All men are invited to join together for breakfast and a time of fellowship. Donations will be accepted for breakfast.

Workday at East Avenue Baptist Church

Friday & Saturday, December 5 & 6 | 9am

There are more workdays planned for our new church plant - East Avenue Baptist Church in Ozark and workers are needed. For more details, please contact Steven Whitfield at 601-916-0789 or Zach Daniels at 334-733-6326.

Breakfast in Bethlehem

Saturday, December 6 | 9:30-11:30am

A preschool family event in the Fellowship Center for ages 3 (by 9/1/24)through K5. Register online at calvarydothan.com.

Winter Open Classes

Wednesdays | 6pm | December 3-February 25

(No Classes December 24 or 31)

Systematic Theology 1
Teachers: Paul Thompson, Don Mills

Parenting for Life
Teachers: Joseph Parden, Sam Tarwater

How to Study the Bible / Fear of Man
Teachers: Dan Tankersley, Lance Morgan

Meaningful Membership Intensive Class

Sunday, December 7 | 1-4pm

If you are interested in knowing more about Calvary or would like to join and are not able to attend all three Sunday morning classes, join us for this intensive 3-hour class in the Office Building Conference Room. All the material will be covered in this one class.

If you plan to attend and/or need childcare, call the church office or email angie@calvarydothan.com by Wednesday, December 3.

I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT:

_____

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My Decision Today:

❑ I trusted Jesus as Savior.

❑ I'd like to join Calvary Baptist Church.

❑ I believe God is calling me into ministry/mission.

❑ Please have a pastor or elder contact me.

If you would like to speak with someone about one of the items noted above, please visit the Next Steps Kiosk before you leave today.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

❑ Pastors & Prayer Team Only

❑ Churchwide

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Connect Card

November 30, 2025

Please complete this tab, tear it off and drop it in an offering plate, or in the boxes by the exits.

❑ Please update my information
❑ Please contact me about membership

I am a:
❑ First Time Guest ❑ Attender
❑ Member

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❑ Married ❑ Single

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November Missions Spotlight

Steve & Toni Chambers (Neighborhood Church UWS)
Steve and Toni moved to NYC in the Fall of 2017 with the intent of planting a church in the city. By God's grace, that became a reality, and Neighborhood Church was born. Steve's mission for the church is simple: Love God and Love Your Neighbor. To see how you can pray for the ministry work of the Chambers, pick up a prayer card at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer. To learn more about the ministry work of the Chambers in NYC, visit facebook.com/neighborhoodchurchuws or neighborhoodchurchuws.com.

Alabama Baptist Children's Homes & Family Ministries (Local Missions Partner)
The purpose of Alabama Baptist Children's Homes & Family Ministries is to protect, nurture, and restore children and families through Christ-centered services. The result we desire to see is hope and wholeness for children and families through knowing God. To see how you can pray for the ministry work of the ABCH, pick up a prayer card at the missions kiosk located in the Fellowship Center foyer. To learn more about the ministry endeavors of ABCH, contact Kim McGainey at kmcgainey@alabamachild.org or visit facebook.com/alabamachild/ or alabamachild.org.

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THE PEOPLE CAME...
November 23
Life Group: 509
10:00 Worship: 654
5:00 Worship: 161
Hispanic Church: 103
Neighborhood Church (NY): 25

THE PEOPLE GAVE...
General Fund
Given November 23: $67,784.04
Given Y-T-D Surplus (Deficit):
($234,627.10) as of 10/31/25

BIBLE READING PLAN
November 30-December 6
○ Dan 1-2, 1 John 2
○ Dan 3-4, 1 John 3
○ Dan 5-6, 1 John 4
○ Dan 7-8, 1 John 5
○ Dan 9-10, 2 John
○ Dan 11-Hos 4, 3 John-Jude

Sunday Schedule

8:30am	Life Groups & Open Classes
10:00am	Worship, Fellowship Center
	Kid's Worship, Grades 1-5, Chapel (except 1st Sunday)
5:00pm	Family Worship, Sanctuary
	Childcare for Babies-K3

STAFF ON CALL
Sunday, November 30:
Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765
Saturday, December 6:
Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986
Sunday, December 7:
Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986

SERMON SCHEDULE
Sunday, December 7

10am
The Death of the King, Part 1: Condemned
Matthew 27:1-26
Message by Paul Thompson

5pm
What Happened When Jesus Died
Luke 23:42-46; 1 Peter 3:18-20
Message by Paul Thompson

Wednesday Schedule

6:00pm	Open Classes, D-Groups, & ESL Classes
	Birth-K5, Preschool Bldg
	Grades 1-5, Chapel
	Grades 6-12, Student Room
7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

I'm New Here
We're so glad you've joined us for worship today and would love to be able to share more with you about our church.

To fill out a digital Connect Card or learn more about Calvary, please use your smartphone camera to scan the QR Code or you can fill out the Connect Card in this bulletin and place it in the offering plate.
Also, be sure to stop by our Next Steps table in the foyer after the service for a gift from us!

How to Become a Christian
Want more information about how to become a Christian? Go to calvarydothan.com/how-to-become-a-christian/.

If you would like to view a pdf of today's AM sermon notes, go to calvarydothan.com/messages.

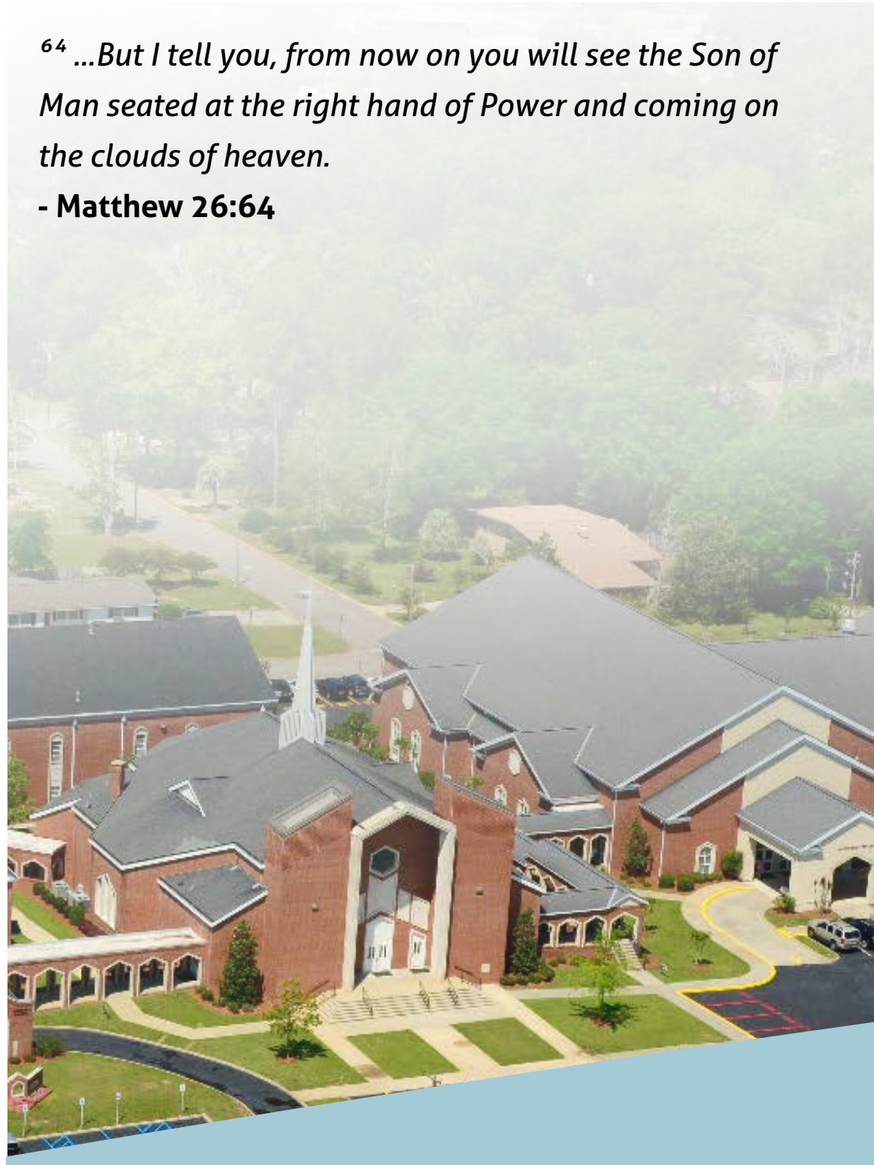
Ministry Staff

Paul Thompson	Senior Pastor
Charles Uptain	Executive Pastor
Dan Tankersley	Discipleship Pastor
Steven Wilson	Interim Worship
Tommy Perry	Missions
Joyce Alexander	Preschool
Josh Robertson	Children
Stephanie Tankersley	Children's Worship
Reagan Farris	Students
Randy Hunt	Senior Adults
Zach Daniels	Resident Church Planter

Lay Elders
Eric Donop
Jed Downs
David Glover
Dave Lindey
Sam Tarwater
Ian Worrell

64 ...But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.

- Matthew 26:64



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