

## This Week's Scripture Reflection



In Luke 22:14—23:56, we witness the profound love of Christ as He faces betrayal, suffering, and death—a poignant reminder of His unwavering commitment to humanity. As we reflect on this Passion narrative, we are invited to consider the depths of God's mercy and the call to our own discipleship. The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that Christ's Passion fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah: "by his wounds, we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5; CCC 559). This passage underscores not only Christ's willingness to embrace suffering but also invites us to recognize the salvific power of our own trials. In moments of despair, we find solace in Jesus's words from the cross: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). This call to forgiveness is central to our faith, echoing the catechetical teaching that "anyone who wishes to be a follower of Christ must take up his cross" (CCC 2015). As we journey through Lent, let us embrace our own crosses, trusting in the redemptive grace that flows from Christ's sacrifice, and engage in acts of love and mercy toward others. This holy season beckons us to grow ever closer to the heart of our Savior.