Pastor Mark Schmechel Series: *Walk with Christ to Cross*  March 24, 2024 Selected Scriptures

### HOW TO F.O.C.U.S.

#### Saturday: <u>Friends</u>

John 12:1-3 (NIV) Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. <sup>3</sup> Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

#### Sunday: Objective

Matthew 21:6 (NIV) The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. <sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. <sup>8</sup> A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!" <sup>10</sup> When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup> The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

Luke 9:51 (NIV) As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus <u>resolutely</u> set out for Jerusalem.

#### Monday: Christ

Matthew 21:12-13 (NIV) Jesus entered the temple area and <u>drove out</u> all who were buying and selling there. He <u>overturned</u> the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. "It is written," he <u>said</u> to them, "'My house will be called a house of prayer,' but you are making it a 'den of robbers.'"

#### Tuesday: Useful Teaching

(Matthew 21:23-23:39; Luke 21:1-3)

- The source of His authority
- Paying taxes to Caesar
- Will there be marriage in heaven?
- The widow's offering
- 7 woes to the Pharisees

# Wednesday: <u>Solitude</u>

- 1. Divert Daily
- 2. Withdraw Weekly
- 3. Maintain Monthly
- 4. Abandon Annually

## So what hardship are you facing right now in your life?

My current hardship is \_\_\_\_\_ <u>F</u>riend <u>O</u>bjective <u>C</u>hrist <u>U</u>seful Teaching <u>S</u>olitude