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LENT

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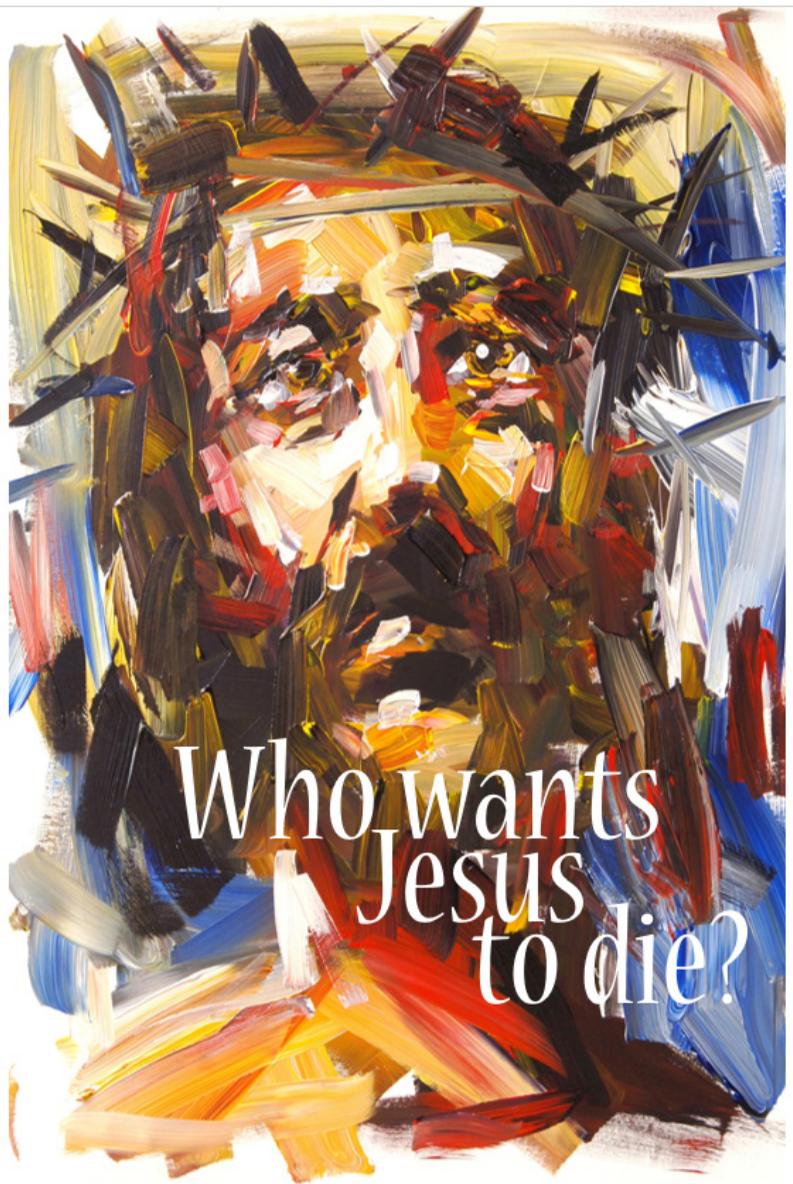
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Jesus
to die?



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Who Wants Jesus to Die?

Week Two: Satan Wants Jesus to Die

“Before the Throne of God Above”

Mel Machemer

PRELUDE

AS WE GATHER

Luke, chapter 4 begins, that Jesus “was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil.” Christ Jesus remains faithful in the face of enormous temptation. He is the very one who lives “on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.” Jesus becomes our model as we too face temptation. And in our own wilderness wandering God indeed tests us, that we might be humbled before Him and rely on the power of God. Yet we see this scene close with the words, Satan “departed from him until an opportune time.” The opportunity came when it was time for Jesus to die.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”

LSB 423



1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,
2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -
3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent



whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior
pen - tant vow, Though we see You wound - ed, bleed - ing, See Your
love for You; May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be -



from the world a - bove: Of - ten have Your eyes, of - fend - ed,
thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Yet Your sin - less death has brought us
hold Your cross a - new Till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er



Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; Yet up - on the
Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest; On - ly what Your
From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en in our



cross ex - tend - ed, You have borne the pain of all.
grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.
hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: ♪ Amen.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

Pastor: Dear Jesus, our Savior and Lord,

People: **lead us to the time of Your passion;**

Pastor: lead us to the places You walked and the people You have encountered;

People: **lead us to Your cross;**

Pastor: to the place of crucifixion.

People: **Stay with us, Lord, as we witness Your suffering and listen to Your Words.**

Pastor: At Calvary we become increasingly mindful of our sins and of Your incredible love for us.

People: **Calvary is the place where You reveal Your perfect forgiveness.**

Pastor: In the midst of Christ's repulsive crucifixion, divine love confronts hatred; divine forgiveness abolishes the consequence of sin; hope for humanity begins anew.

People: **Lead us to take up our cross, to die, to live, to follow in Your footsteps.**

Pastor: Lead us, Lord,

People: **to come to Your holy cross. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Lord God, hear us as we confess our sins to You.

People: **Forgive us, Father, for we have sinned. Our mouths, minds, and lives need Your cleansing forgiveness. By the power of the Spirit, enable us to rely on the work of Christ on the cross; in His righteousness cover our sins, transform our hearts. With Christ, our sins are nailed to the cross of Calvary. May we die to this life of sin and be renewed in Your Word of grace.**

Pastor: The compassionate heart of Christ responds in mercy. He forgives your sins and removes the repressive guilt that accompanies sin. He has called on me to share with You the freeing news of His grace. My friends in Christ, as a called and ordained servant in this place, and by the command of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: ♪ Amen.

Pastor: "The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us." (*Psalms 103:8, 11-12*)

People: **He has forgiven our sins! He will remember them no more. In His grace, He remembers His love for us. His gifts and grace are amazing indeed!**

VERSE

LSB 575 v. 2

♪ **When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.**

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, You bid us to "put on the full armor of God so that we can take our stand against the devil's schemes." (*Ephesians 6:11*) We implore You this day to armor us with Your Word of power and truth, that we may not succumb to the deception of Satan, but rather be unwavering in our faith in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT

Deuteronomy 1:26-35; 2:1

(Israel rebels against God and is sent to wander the desert region.)

²⁶ "Yet you would not go up, but rebelled against the command of the Lord your God. ²⁷ And you murmured in your tents and said, 'Because the Lord hated us he has brought us out of the land of Egypt, to give us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us. ²⁸ Where are we going up? Our brothers have made our hearts melt, saying, "The people are greater and taller than we. The cities are great and fortified up to heaven. And besides, we have seen the sons of the Anakim there.'" ²⁹ Then I said to you, 'Do not be in dread or afraid of them. ³⁰ The Lord your God who goes before you will himself fight for you, just as he did for you in Egypt before your eyes, ³¹ and in the wilderness, where you have seen how the Lord your God carried you, as a man carries his son, all the way that you went until you came to this place.' ³² Yet in spite of this word you did not believe the Lord your God, ³³ who went before you in the way to seek you out a place to pitch your tents, in fire by night and in the cloud by day, to show you by what way you should go.

³⁴ "And the Lord heard your words and was angered, and he swore, ³⁵ 'Not one of these men of this evil generation shall see the good land that I swore to give to your fathers...

¹ “Then we turned and journeyed into the wilderness in the direction of the Red Sea, as the Lord told me.”

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

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GOSPEL

Luke 4:1-13

(Satan tempts Christ in the wilderness.)

¹ And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness ² for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. ³ The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” ⁴ And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’” ⁵ And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, ⁶ and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸ And Jesus answered him, “It is written, “‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.’” ⁹ And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written, “‘He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,’ ¹¹ and “‘On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.’”

¹² And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³ And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Pastor: My heart is not proud, O Lord, my eyes are not haughty; I do not concern myself with great matters or things too wonderful for me.

People: **I have stilled and quieted my soul;**

Pastor: like a weaned child with its mother, like a weaned child is my soul within me.

People: **O Israel, put your hope in the Lord both now and forevermore.**

(Psalm 131)

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
 3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
 the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with - in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
 And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
 con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
 the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
 my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

HOMILY

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VOLUNTARY**“O Christ Thou Lamb of God”***Paul Manz***PRAYER**

Pastor:

Lord Jesus Christ, I approach you. I am a sinner, and dare not rely on my own worth, but only on your goodness and mercy. I am defiled by many sins in body and soul, and by my unguarded thoughts and words. Gracious God of majesty and awe, I seek your protection, I look for your healing. Poor troubled sinner that I am, I appeal to you, the fountain of all mercy. I cannot bear your judgment, but I trust in your salvation. Lord, I show my wounds to you and uncover my shame before you. I know my sins are many and great, and they fill me with fear, but I hope in your mercies, for they cannot be numbered. Lord Jesus Christ, eternal king, God and man,

crucified for mankind, look upon me with mercy and hear my prayer, for I trust in you. Have mercy on me, full of sorrow and sin, for the depth of your compassion never ends. Praise to you, saving sacrifice, offered on the wood of the cross for me and for all mankind. Praise to the noble and precious blood, flowing from the wounds of my crucified Lord Jesus Christ and washing away the sins of the whole world. Remember, Lord your creature, whom you have redeemed with your blood; I repent my sins, and I long to put right what I have done. Merciful Father, take away all my offenses and sins; purify me in body and soul, and make me worthy to taste the holy of holies. May your sacrifice, although I am unworthy, be for me the remission of my sins, the washing away of my guilt, the end of my evil thoughts, and the rebirth of my better instincts. May it incite me to do the works pleasing to you and profitable to my health in body and soul, and be a firm defense against the wiles of my enemies.

People: Amen.

~St. Ambrose (340-397 AD)

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: We speak the petitions of the Lord's prayer independently, silently contemplating select excerpts from Luther's explanation taken from the Small Catechism: Our Father who art in heaven;

People: God would by these words tenderly invite us to believe that He is our true Father, and that we are His true children.

Pastor: Hallowed be Thy name,

People: This is done when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead a holy life according to it.

Pastor: Thy kingdom come

People: This happens when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead a godly life...

Pastor: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

People: This happens when God breaks and hinders every evil counsel and will which would not let us hallow God's name nor let His kingdom come...

Pastor: Give us this day our daily bread;

People: Daily bread includes everything that belongs to the support and wants of the body...

Pastor: And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

People: We pray that our Father in heaven would not look upon our sins, nor on their account deny our prayer.

Pastor: And lead us not into temptation,

People: We pray...that God would guard and keep us, so that the devil, the world, and our flesh may not deceive us.

Pastor: But deliver us from evil.

People: ...grant us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this vale of tears to Himself in heaven.

Pastor: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.

People: I should be certain that these petitions are acceptable to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him.

Pastor: Amen.

People: So be it! Amen!

LENTEN BENEDICTION

from Isaiah 53 and Isaiah 49:16

Pastor: May He Who has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; May He Who was stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted; May He Who was pierced for our transgressions and crushed for our iniquities; May He—together with the Father and the Holy Spirit—continue to bless us and hold us, engraved in His nail pierced hands.

People: Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Before the Throne of God Above”

LSB 574 v. 1, 3-4, 6



1 Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a
3 When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair, And tells me
4 Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died, My sin - ful
6 At one with Him, I can - not die, My soul is



strong, a per - fect plea: A great High Priest, whose name is
of the guilt with - in, Up - ward I look, and see Him
soul is count - ed free; For God, the just, is sat - is -
pur - chased by His blood; My life is hid with Christ on



Love, Who ev - er lives and pleads for me.
there Who made an end of all my sin.
fied To look on Him and par - don me.
high, With Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

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POSTLUDE

“The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord”

Carl Schalk