

In Our Own Words



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Jesus in the Old Testament

Dr. Chuck Missler, in our adult Sunday school class, challenged us with the question: Could we lead someone to Christ by using only the Old Testament? We are so familiar with the New Testament accounts about, but the disciples of Jesus' day didn't yet have the New Testament. Yet they spread the truth of the through all the empire. Jesus taught from the Scriptures (i.e. our Old Testament), and said of Himself, "You examine the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is those very Scriptures that testify about Me." (John 5:39 NASV)

The Jews had had 1500 years of prophetic history that was the foundation of their faith, but they found it so hard to accept the Messiah when He appeared. Jesus said to them, "You foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the Prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to come into His glory?" Then beginning with Moses and with all the Prophets, He explained to them the things written about Himself in all the Scriptures. (Luke 24: 25-27)

Does this not give us pause to think about all of the New Testament prophecies about Jesus' return? Should we not also be searching the Scriptures and looking with anticipation for our Lord's appearing again as He promised?

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5th, Let us take these days of the Lenten Season to meditate upon all the truths of God's Holy Word, and grow in appreciation of the love God has shown each of us in His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastor Emeritus Irvin Stapf

Wednesday, March 5 Ash Wednesday

“Messiah born of a woman”

Genesis 3:15 / Matthew 1:20 / Galatians 4:3-7

Each Sunday morning when we gather for worship, we begin by confessing that *we are by nature sinful and unclean, justly deserving God's present and eternal punishment*. This is a truth we must face. It is a truth that has affected all mankind resulting in the evil we see in our world, and all the evil that exists within us. This is the true result of the curse God pronounced on our first parents when they willfully disobeyed His command. This is the enmity that has allowed Satan to work against mankind to this day. He continually works to separate us from God, our Father.

At the same time, God, in His great mercy, has promised us a redeemer *who would ultimately crush the head of the Serpent, Satan*. The child Jesus, born to Mary, would be the one to save His people from their sin. The marvelous promises of God to Adam and Eve, and through all the Old Testament prophets, have been fulfilled in our Lord Jesus Christ. *God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying out, “Abba! Father! Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.*

Dear ones, the God who created you loves you beyond measure and has given you entrance into a new life in our Lord Jesus Christ. Rejoice and give thanks unto Him.

Prayer: Lord God, on this Ash Wednesday, as I receive the ashes of humility upon my foreheads let me come before you with great thanksgiving and praise for your wonderful mercy. Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord to Thee. Amen. Pr. Emeritus Irvin Stapf

Thursday, March 6

“The Messiah would be born in Bethlehem”

Micah 5:2 – Matthew 2: 1, Luke 2: 4-6

The significant thing about Bethlehem is that it was so small it was insignificant. God will not share his glory with any man, reason or idea. just like in the story of Gideon. Gideon's army went from 22000 to 10000 to 300 to show beyond any doubt that God was the reason of their deliverance and God alone. All the stories in scripture are to redirect us from our own work to Gods. Here is a quote from William Tyndale that expresses this idea of Gods sovereignty: "Mark this also, if God send thee to the sea and promise to go with thee and to bring thee safe to land, he will raise up a tempest against thee, to prove whether thou wilt abide by his word, and that thou mayest feel thy faith and perceive his goodness, for if it were always fair weather and thou never brought into such jeopardy whence his mercy only delivered thee, thy faith should be but a presumption and thou shouldest be ever unthankful to God and merciless unto thy neighbor. If God promise riches, the way thereto is poverty. Whom he loveth him he chastened, whom he exalted, he casted down, whom he saveth he damneth first. He bringeth no man to heaven except he sends him to hell first. If he promises life, he slayeth first, when he buildeth, he casteth all down first. He is no patcher, he cannot build on another man's foundation. He will not work until all be past remedy and brought unto such a case, that men may see how that his hand, his power, his mercy, his goodness and truth hath wrought all together. He will let no man be partaker with him of his praise and glory. His works are wonderful and contrary unto man's works. Whoever save he delivered his own Son, his only Son, his dear Son unto the death and that for his enemy's sake, to win his enemy, to overcome him with love, that he might see love and love again and of love to do likewise to other men, and to overcome them with well doing."

Prayer: Lord God, You sent our Messiah born in Bethlehem Amen. Tom Ondulich

Friday, March 7

Gen 3: 15/Matt 1:20/Gala 4:3-7

“The Messiah would be born of a woman”

The prophecy in Isaiah 7: 14 says that the virgin was going to give birth to a son and He was going to be called Immanuel, as we know, the meaning of that Name is God with us. Then in Matthew 2:22-23, we read that Joseph went to live in a district of Galilee, a town called Nazareth. In Luke 1:26-31, we read that God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth to give a message to the virgin Mary who was going to marry Joseph, a descendant of King David. The angel told her she was going to give birth to the Son of the Most High, Jesus.

The last two passages are a confirmation and fulfillment of the prophecy from Isaiah. This means that God had a plan of salvation for me and His church long, long ago. In his perfect timing, God provided a way to Him through His Son. These passages are linked to each other because step by step the plan of salvation was revealed. These facts are repeated confirming the veracity of the information read in the Old Testament. A Truthful God planning a true salvation. Historical facts can be trusted because they are real. God wanted us to trust in Him. The careful details given are significant because they are all repeated more than once. Passing the test of verification of the truth.

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father: Thank you for your plans and details in providing us verifiable truth. We are grateful.

Amen.

Elizabeth Ondulich

Saturday, March 8 Gen 12:3, & 22:16-18/Matt 1:1, Rom 9:4-5

“The Messiah would come from the line of Abraham”

When God told Abraham that all the families of the earth were going to be blessed through him, it was a prophecy of the genealogical descent of Jesus.

For me, that means that I’m not under the law but under His grace because through his sacrifice, He has saved me and His church.

Prayer: Thank you, Jesus, for your sacrifice for me.

Maria Lopez

Monday March 10

Isa. 7: 14/Matt. 1: 22-23

“The Messiah would be called Immanuel”

Around this time Joseph was struggling with the thought of not taking Mary for his wife, she was with child and not of him. While Joseph was sleeping it came to him in a dream that he was to take Mary, the virgin as his wife. She was conceived by the Holy Ghost and shall bring forth a son who will be named Immanuel- Jesus- which means GOD IS WITH US.

I admired Joseph’s FAITHFULNESS. Joseph followed through with what was put on his heart to do. Joseph took Mary as his wife and when the baby was born, he named the baby boy Jesus

Prayer: I pray that I will have such Faith in all that comes my way. Thank you, Sweet Jesus for coming into this world to suffer and die for us and our sins. Amen Carol Bartels

Tuesday, March 11

Gen.3:15/1John 3:8

“The Messiah’s Ministry will destroy the works of the devil.”

In **Genesis 3:15**, God speaks to the serpent, declaring that the seed (future generations) of Eve will bruise its head (destroy,) indicating an imminent victory over Satan. This prophecy points to the Messiah, Jesus Christ, whose forthcoming salvation already renders inevitability, ultimately bringing a decisive blow to the power of evil. Through His life, death, and resurrection, the Messiah will defeat the works of the devil, restoring humanity's relationship with God and undoing the curse of sin. **1 John 3:8 echoes this purpose, stating that** "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil." The Messiah's ministry, by overcoming sin, death, and Satan’s dominion, breaks the chains of bondage. Jesus, as the perfect sacrifice, offers redemption and healing to all who believe, ensuring the ultimate destruction of Satan’s influence. The Messiah's victory reverses the fall of humanity, restoring God’s kingdom and offering salvation through the power of Christ. Thus, the works of the devil are crushed forever.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, through Christ’s victory, destroy the works of the devil, restore Your kingdom, and grant us eternal peace. Amen. Ashley Gray

Wednesday, March 12

Exo. 12: 5/Heb. 10:5-10

“The Messiah would be a perfect unblemished sacrifice”

For me, the prophecy of the unblemished sacrifice in Exodus 12:5 finds its fulfillment in the teachings and actions of Jesus, as reflected in Hebrews 10:5-10. I believe Jesus wanted to teach us how to live in a way that brings us closer to God, using His life as a model for loving God and others. The perfect sacrifice, as described in Exodus, points to the need for purity and selflessness. Jesus' ultimate act of atonement wasn't just about dying for our sins, but about showing us The Way of selfless, unconditional love and repentance. His sacrifice demonstrated the love and humility He taught, and calls us to follow His commandments through acts of kindness, repentance, and devotion to God. The reference to Psalm 40 reveals that God opposed animal sacrifice, emphasizing instead that true worship comes from a heart aligned with His will. To me, the heart of Jesus' message is that true faith is expressed in how we live, in loving our neighbors, serving others, and turning our hearts back to God. His atonement is not solely about His death, but about living in a way that reflects His life, teachings, and a deep sense of compassion, humility, and nonjudgment toward all people.

Heavenly Father, May we awaken to the fullness of Your love, as Jesus taught us—not merely in words, but in action. Let us repent, turning our hearts back to You, seeking to love our neighbors as ourselves. Help us to see that You dwell within us, calling us to walk in humility, grace, and kindness. May we follow Jesus' example, not only in acknowledging His sacrifice but in living out the gospel of love, forgiveness, and selfless service. Let our worship be a reflection of a heart fully surrendered to Your will. Amen. Brian Gray

Thursday, March 13

Psa.78:1-2/Matt 34-35

“The Messiah would teach in parables”

Jesus told parables because they were like magical stories that helped people understand big ideas! Instead of using complicated grown-up words, he told stories about things everyone knew - like farmers, shepherds, and lost coins. It's like when your teacher uses a story about a kind bunny to show you how to be nice to others. These stories were special puzzles that helped people discover important lessons about love and God in a way that was fun to remember!

Prayer: Jesus thank you for parable stories. Amen.

Charlotte Gray

Friday, March 14

Isaiah 8:12-15/1 Peter 2:4-9

“THE MESSIAH WOULD BE A STONE TO MAKE PEOPLE STUMBLE”

As we consider the words of Isiah and Peter, it becomes clear why it is important to remember why Jesus is the perfect foundation for our lives. We can be swayed by building our life on the faulty foundations away from the Lord. As such, if we try to do work in our own strength, follow and fear what those apart from God fear, or find meaning apart from Christ's salvation, we will stumble. Just as children will stumble from disobeying their parents' good instruction and authority, we must not reject Jesus's place for our lives. Lest he allow us to stumble when we separate ourselves from Him.

Prayer: Thank you, God, for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, as the perfect cornerstone for our lives. There are many days it can be easy to live in our own strength, separate from what you would want. Without you, we are without our Perfect Light in the darkness, stumbling around without direction or clarity. Please help us as a people who rely on your Word to remember that apart from You, we are dead. Amen.

Jeremy Depp

Saturday, March 15 Isaiah 11: 10-11: 10-11/ John 12:18-21

“The Light of the Messiah draws all people to Him”

Throughout the Old Testament references to the coming Messiah from the ‘root of Jesse’ call all humanity (Jews and Gentiles) to righteousness. As Christians, it is hard not to see ourselves as those nations that long for the God of Israel, ‘the prince of peace’ the Jewish descendant of Jesse and David, even Jesus Christ the Messiah.

God established the Jewish nation of the Old Testament as an ‘ensign’ for righteousness and peace for all people. But evil still flourishes, the poor and meek remain afflicted, violence is till done on God’s holy mountain, and the earth is far from being ‘full of the knowledge of the Lord’.

Has the message of peace and righteousness of the Messiah failed to turn the Gentiles to God? Isaiah and John remind Christians, who still long for the messianic completion of creation, to see it in the Second Coming of Jesus the Messiah. Until then, the text of the Bible urges us in the place of messianic intercession to be righteous as a people, like the Jews of ancient Israel did for the Gentiles.

Prayer: Thank you, Messiah, for our atonement.

Chris Matthews

Monday, March 17

Isaiah 40: 3-4/John 1: 23

“The Messiah would be preceded by a forerunner”

Today in Isaiah, the passage talked about a messenger coming in the desert and calling out to help people to be ready for the Lord. In John, John the Baptist told the Jewish leaders that he was the messenger preparing for Jesus.

John is being kind to Jesus by preparing the people for Him to come. John is following the direction from God. God told Isaiah that a messenger was coming, and the messenger was John the Baptist.

Isaiah and John, the Baptist both listened to God. We need to listen to God and do our best to obey what He says.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, Thank you that we can listen to You. Help us be kind to others and obey You. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen
Jazzy Stapf

Tuesday, March 18

Malachi 4: 5-6/Matt 11:13-14

“The Messiah would be preceded by Elijah”

Elijah and John, the Baptist both told the people that the Messiah was coming. God told Elijah and John the Baptist to tell the people. They listened and obeyed God because they LOVED Him. I LOVE God and when He asks me to do something, I will obey and do it.

Prayer: Dear Lord, Thank You for caring about us and thank You that You always love us. Help us to show our love for You by obeying and doing what You ask. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen,
Lizzie Stapf

Wednesday, March 19

Psalm 2:7/ Matthew 3:16-17

“The Messiah would be declared the Son of God”

In both of these scripture passages, Jesus is called the Son of God. In the Psalm, David is writing that God is promising that Jesus is coming. In Matthew, God fulfilled His promise, which means God kept His promise. God identified Jesus as His Son. We know we can depend on God because He always keeps His promises. God is always working in our lives. He promises to take care of us, to love us, to always be with us, and lots more.

One day, I had a test to take and I didn't want to do it. I had a hard time listening to the teachers and following their suggestions for strategies I could use on the test. I prayed to God and asked Him to help me calm down and do my best. I took a deep breath and went back to the test. God helped me just like He promised.

Prayer: Dear Lord, Sometimes we have hard days and we need help. Thank you for keeping Your promises and always helping us when we needed it. Thank you for fulfilling Your promise and sending Jesus to live in our hearts forever. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen, Will Stapf

Thursday, March 20

Isaiah 9: 1-2/Matt 4: 12-17

“The Messiah would bring light to Galilee”

In the Bible today, it said that John was in prison and Jesus heard about it. Isaiah said that the people in darkness will see a great light. Their land was dark, but the light had come. Jesus told the people to turn away from their sins and that the kingdom of heaven is near.

I think this means that Jesus wanted to stop the people from doing rude and bad things and He wanted them to do good things. He wanted them to stop living in darkness and live in the light. Jesus is the light and we need to live with Jesus.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, Please help us to live in light and not in darkness. Please help us to live for You and be kind to others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen, Lani Stapf

Friday, March 21 Psalm 110:4/ Hebrews 5:1-6
“The Messiah would be a priest after the order of Melchizedek”

Jesus is the Christ. Jesus is our high priest. Jesus loves us. Athena. In today’s scriptures, we read about Jesus being chosen and appointed as our high priest. The priests were from the family of Levi. They were appointed to represent the people before God through the Law given to Moses on Mount Sinai. They would offer gifts of thanksgiving and sacrifices for the sins of the people and themselves. One priest was chosen to be the High Priest, and he entered into the Most Holy Place once a year to place the blood of the sacrifice on the Ark of the Covenant. He could relate to the struggles and temptations of the people, because he also did things that were against God’s laws and had to repent.

Jesus is our High Priest.

Different from the Levitical high priests who offered sacrifices repeatedly for the sins of the people, Jesus was the ultimate sacrifice and paid the price for our sins once and for all. After His baptism, Jesus was in the desert for 40 days being tempted by Satan. Jesus grew up and lived among the people for all of His years on earth. He is able to relate to and understand all of the struggles and temptations that we face each day.

He can stand with us before God and cover us with His white robe of righteousness and mediate for us. We no longer need to fear death or separation from God. Jesus, our High Priest, gives us the confidence to “come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.” Hebrews 4:16

Prayer: Dear Lord, You are the great high priest. You have gone before us and opened up the way for us to follow, and because you are our high priest, we are able to enter into the presence of the Father. Thank you that you can relate to all of our experiences and temptations so that you can intercede for us. Continue to give us boldness to seek your grace and mercy each day. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen, Athena and Becky Stapf

Saturday, March 22 Isaiah 35: 5-6/Matt 11:26
“The Messiah would have a miraculous ministry”

Isaiah 35:5-6 (ESV)

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;

Matthew 11:2-6 (ESV)

²Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” ⁴And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers^[a] are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. ⁶And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

Isaiah foretold of the coming of our Savior, a man that would not only bring sight to the blind, make the lame walk, have the deaf hear, but he would save our souls. John the Baptist believed the prophecy of Isaiah and trusted it would be fulfilled. While he was imprisoned by Herod, he sent a cryptic message to Jesus to see if he was indeed, the one we had been waiting for. Jesus sent a message back to confirm. The prophecy was fulfilled. Our Savior was here. He would heal our infirmities, He would save us, the most undeserving.

**Prayer: Lord Jesus, we thank you that Your sacrifice for our sins assures us the Grace and Peace of God the Father Almighty. Amen,
Jessica Clarke**

Monday March 24

Deut. 18: 15/Acts 3: 20-22

“The Messiah would be a prophet”

Deuteronomy 18:15 (ESV) “The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—

Acts 3:20-22 (ESV) that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago. Moses said, ‘The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers. You shall listen to him in whatever he tells you.’”

In a single verse from our reading from Deuteronomy, we have Moses predicting the coming Messiah, Jesus. Moses tells us that He would come from among us; God was made into man, and that we would listen to Him. Considering that Deuteronomy was about 1400 years before Christ rose, everything would be fulfilled in God’s time and not ours. It is for Him we patiently wait and in faith to whom we listen.

Prayer: Lord God, we give thanks to you for your Son, Jesus Christ, who you sent for our salvation and for whom we patiently wait. Grant us ears to hear your Word and hearts strengthened by your Spirit so that we might walk in your ways and keep the Faith all the days of our lives. In Jesus name, Amen.
Vicar Chris Clarke.

Tuesday, March 25

Isaiah 42: 1-4/Matt 12: 15-21

“The Messiah’s Blood will be Spilled for Atonement”

In Leviticus God is telling the people that (Vs 11), “The life of a creature is in the blood, and He is giving it to them to make atonement for one’s life. Therefore He told them all about the blood and that no one should eat any blood, because it would be a great sin.

In Matthew 26, Jesus compares the scriptures with his blood, which he is going to give for us all. During the first communion, He asked all of them to share it for the forgiveness of their sins. The blood is always considered holy and precious to our God. Through his blood we are made righteous. Praise His Holy Name!

Prayer: Oh Lord, our God, many blessings to your Name for ever and ever. Who could ever give unto us any more than, what you Have? Amen.
Bruce Gladhill.

Wednesday, March 26 Isaiah 53: 3/Luke 4: 28-29
“The Messiah would be despised and rejected”

In the Old Testament, Isaiah 53:3 says that the Messiah, “was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief”. Jesus didn’t look or act like people thought that the Messiah should. They rejected Him OVER and OVER again. Jesus has NEVER rejected us. And He NEVER will. The Old Testament is filled with prophecies. We can confidently spread the word of God based solely on the OT because we know those prophecies were fulfilled.

Jesus died for our sins, so that we may live, eternally, with Him in heavenly peace. “Let all that you do be done in love”. –1 Corinthians 16:14.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for sacrificing your Son, for the sins of mankind. We ask that you open our hearts and minds, as we spread your Word. Amen. Thanks be to God, Carrie Perini

Thursday, March 27 Isaiah 61:1/Luke 4:16-21
“The Messiah will set the captives free”

The assignment for our In Our Own Words has been a blessing to me. Many I know basically disregard the Old Testament and only focus on the New Testament. We Lutherans know better but how much time have we spent reading the Bible to find these nuggets of truth between the Old Testament and the fulfilling of that prophecy in the New Testament? Probably some are like me and the truth is not too much. But in our Adult Sunday School class we are now studying Revelation with a commentary by Dr. Chuck Missler. He leads us to look in the Old Testament that predicts what **will happen**, the New Testament about what **has happened** and Revelation where it is all brought together in the **future**.

Isaiah was called by God to deliver his words to Israel. The book of Isaiah is filled with sobering accounts of Israel's sin and rebellion and warnings of their coming judgement. He then speaks of the blessings that can come to God's people if they are faithful to Him. However, the mission more fully applies to the Savior, and Isaiah simply represented Him to the people.

Luke tells us that Jesus states; that is on me, because God has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” When he completed the reading, He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.” Interesting is that both Isaiah and Luke, both verses highlight the message of bringing "good news to the poor" as a central component of this mission. Isaiah was prophesying and Jesus in the fulfillment of that prophecy – He is the Messiah.

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, May we truly study your word so that we may understand you more fully and love and worship you more deeply. Amen, Jeane Flesch

Friday March 28

Daniel 7: 13-14/Luke 1:31-33

“The Messiah will have a throne that is everlasting”

Daniel 7:13-14 (ESV) I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed. Luke 1:31-33 (ESV) And behold you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

Prayer: Gracious God our Father, we know that you spoke through the Old Testament Prophets and foretold of the coming of your Son and His Kingdom. We ask that you grant us faithful hearts to hear your Word and trust your promises. We pray that when we leave this earthly dominion, we would be joined with your Son in the Kingdom which has no end. Heavenly Father, who reigns over all and through all we humbly ask these things in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen, Vicar Chris Clarke

Saturday March 29

Daniel 9:24/Galatians 1:3-5

“The Messiah will bring an end to sin”

In Daniel 9:24, the prophecy foretells that the Messiah will come to "finish the transgression" and "make an end of sins." This signifies the ultimate mission of the Messiah, Jesus Christ, to eradicate sin's hold on humanity. The passage reveals that through the Messiah's sacrifice, sin's power will be broken and atoned for. His death will fulfill God's plan of redemption, providing forgiveness and reconciliation. Galatians 1:3-5 highlights how Jesus gave Himself "for our sins," delivering humanity from the present evil age according to the will of God the Father. Through His atoning work, Christ frees believers from the bondage of sin, offering grace and salvation. By His selfless sacrifice, He ends the dominion of sin over our lives, allowing believers to live in the light of God's righteousness. The Messiah's mission, in both the prophecy of Daniel and the message in Galatians, brings an end to sin's reign, establishing God's eternal kingdom and granting peace to all who believe.

Prayer: Gracious Lord, through Christ's sacrifice, end sin's reign in our lives, and grant us peace, redemption, and eternal life. Amen, Ashley Gray

Monday, March 31

Mal.4: 5-6/Matt. 11:10-15

The Messiah's forerunner would come in the spirit of Elijah

While working on this devotion for the Lenten season, it is snowing which reminds me again of Christmas for which I still have many things out and waiting to be properly stored! I have had thoughts about these two scriptures that make me feel like it is almost too bad we cannot celebrate Christmas and Easter together! Why? Because the one without the other is certainly NOT the whole story! Miraculously, our Lord provided us with prophets to predict what was to come and through Jesus it is fulfilled! Malachi says that the Lord is sending a "messenger" who will prepare the way before You. "...all the prophets and the law prophesied until John" And, "If you are willing to receive it, he is Elijah." (Malachi 11:14) Jesus came to do what we could not out of God's enormous compassion for us. So really Easter AND Christmas should be for us to praise the Lord that He did this for us, for you and for me. "The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight!" "Christ the Lord is risen today!! Hallelujah!

Prayer: Dear Lord- Help us to embrace the depth of love you show for us through your old and new testaments and help us to celebrate the gift you give us at all times, but especially in the season we remember because God sent His son to die for our sins and settle the debt for our sins. Amen, Sue Geiger

Tuesday, April 1

Zech 11: 12-13/Matt 27: 6-10

"The Messiah will be betrayed for 30 pieces of silver"

Zechariah tells us in chapter 11 that the people of Israel were disobedient and had broken their covenant with God and He revoked it. God instructs Zechariah, a Prophet and Priest, to portray a Good Shepherd to the people. Zechariah took care of the flock and got rid of bad shepherds but the flock detested him. He got tired of the flock and let them have their own way. When he asked for his severance pay, they gave him 30 pieces of silver. This was the same price that could have purchased a slave. God told Zechariah to throw the money to the potter [who was of low social standing of the labor class. Zechariah then threw the coins into the House of the Lord, to the potter.

Matthew recorded in chapter 27 that Judas received 30 pieces of silver to betray Jesus. After Jesus' arrest when Judas realized that Jesus was going to be condemned, he tried to give the payment back and confessed to them that he betrayed an innocent man. The chief priests said that was his problem and refused to receive the payment. Judas threw it into the temple. Since the chief priests could not accept it [because it was "blood money"] they decided to buy a potter's field. [A potter's field is where potters would go and dig for clay to use in making their pottery.] The potter's field was to be used as a field in which to bury foreigners. It was called the "Field of Blood". Judas may have been trying to force Jesus' hand to show Himself to be "King of the Jews" [as Judas understood it]. Salvation would look a whole lot different if I had planned but not how it was designed from a wise and merciful God. Aren't we thankful that our omnipotent God is on the throne--and not Judas --or me? Perhaps we Gentiles are the foreigners and our sins can now be buried in the field of Jesus' blood.

Prayer: Thank you, Jesus, for extending your love and sacrifice to include us. We are so unworthy—and we are so grateful. Praise your Holy Name! Carolyn B. Shriver

Wednesday, April 2

Lev. 17-11/Matt 26: 28

“The Messiah’s blood will be spilled for atonement”

In Leviticus, God is telling the people that (vs 11) “The life of a creature is in the blood, and he is giving it to them to make atonement for one’s life.”

Therefore he told them all about the blood and that no one should ever eat the blood in any circumstance. It would be a great sin for them.

In Matthew 26:28, Jesus compares the scriptures with his blood, which he is going to give to us all. During the first Communion, he asked all of them to share it with him for the forgiveness of their sins. The blood is always considered holy and precious to our God. Through his blood, we are made righteous. All praise to his holy name.

Prayer: Oh Lord, Our God, many blessings to your name for ever and ever. Who could ever give unto us any more than what you have? Amen. Bruce Gladhill

Thursday, April 3

Exodus 12:21-27/1Corn.5: 7

“The Messiah will be our Passover Lamb”

In Exodus 12: 21-27, Moses instructs the Israelites to slaughter the Passover lamb and, using hyssop, place its blood around the doorframe, so that the Angel of Death should not strike down the children of God. In 1 Corinthians 5: 7, Paul reminds the community of Christian Jews that they, as during Passover, must remove evil from their community as the ancient Jews removed leavened bread from their table during Passover.

In these passages, the Passover and unleavened bread rituals protected the community and its individuals from physical and spiritual harm (sin). So too, it is with Our Lord, the Messiah, Jesus Christ, our Paschal lamb, whose crucifixion and rising from the dead, saved us from eternal damnation and allowed us to enter the kingdom of heaven.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, as we enter into the season of Lent, let us be ever mindful of the sacrifice you made on our behalf. Let us be aware that our sacrifice during this time of atonement is the norm for many of the less fortunate, and lastly, grant us greater empathy for the less privileged. For these things I pray, Amen Mack Brooks.

Friday April 4 Job 19: 23; 27/John 5:24-29
“The Messiah’s resurrection prophesied”

“Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book! John 5:24-29 (ESV) Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.” “Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself.

(Vs 27). And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.

(Vs 28) Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice (Vs 29) and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

Prayer: Gracious God our Father, we give thanks to you for your Word that speaks to us, your Sacrament to refresh us, and your Son who redeemed us. Though we are dead in spirit and can do nothing to save ourselves, through our faith in Jesus, we are risen with Him and have everlasting life. May you grant that the Holy Spirit would always help us cling to these truths, through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen. Vicar Chris Clarke

Saturday April 5 Psalm 16:9-11/Acts 2:29-32
“The Messiah, God’s anointed will not see decay”

The prospect of death faces us all. The young we don't think about it, and can mostly ignore it. Yet it's a specter upon all people. We look to our medical experts and our technologies to do all they can to extend our years. Security people and safety devices do much to protect us. But the obituary columns will still contain our life's final summary. A question remains, is this all there is, or is there more? It is here the Lenten Season we are currently observing is so important. We examine Biblical texts that date back thousands of years assuring mankind there is hope. There very definitely is more to life than troubled days with an abrupt end. King David of Israel was a faithful servant of Almighty God who had seen our Lord's hand working in his own life in gracious restorative ways. He was declared as a prophet of the living God who assures us, we will not be abandoned to a place of departed spirits because God's Redeemer, Jesus our Lord, will not see decay. He will be raised from the dead.

To the astonishment of the early followers the crucified and dead body of the man Jesus came out of the tomb three days after burial, alive and well, never to die again. By God's grace through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ we have the same assurance of life eternal. We will yet face trials, heartache, and physical pain before our life is brought to a close. But there is more, much more, and it is good! Eye has not seen nor ear heard the things God has prepared for those who love him. (1 Corinthians 2:9)

Prayer: Holy Lord, in all life, good, bad, and even the mundane, keep our eyes always focused upon you. You alone, Lord Jesus, are our hope, our joy, and our life. Amen, Pastor Emeritus Stapf

Monday, April 7

Psalm 41: 9, John 13:18

“The Messiah would be abandoned by those closest to Him”

Both Passages are referring to Judas Iscariot’s Betrayal of Jesus. Judas was one of the 12 closest to Jesus. He was with Jesus during His ministry: Jesus teaching about His father; love, faith truth, trust, obeying the commandments, repentance, everlasting life, etc. Judas saw many of the miracles Jesus performed. He was eating with Jesus at the Last Supper. Yet, in the end after all he had heard and seen, Satan entered into him and Judas chose to abandon Jesus for 30 pieces of silver!

We are always in a spiritual battle. Satan is just waiting for an opportunity to enter the battle to turn us away from God. We must keep our eyes and heart focused on Jesus and our relationship with Him. We cannot let Satan win, as he did with Judas.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, I pray I never abandon you. When I stray, may the Holy Spirit guide me back to you, Amen.

Janice Delagrange

Tuesday, April 8

Zachariah 9: 9, Matthew 21: 6-10

“The Messiah will ride into Jerusalem upon a Donkey.”

As Jesus and his disciples approached Jerusalem, Jesus sent two disciples ahead to locate a donkey and bring it to Him, and they did. Jesus mounted the donkey and rode into Jerusalem.

Notes in my Bible state, “This was a suitable choice, since the donkey was a lowly and gentle animal of peace as contrasted to a warhorse. It was also a princely mount before the horse became a common mount.”

After seeing and hearing everything Jesus did, the people honored Him by spreading their cloaks and palm branches on the road ahead of him, an act of royal Homage.

So we see Jesus fulfilling the Old Testament prophecy: Jerusalem’s king riding on a donkey!

Jesus could have come as the ruler-warrior the Jews expected but instead humbled himself by coming as a baby and was carpenter like his earthly father, showing us his human side. During his ministry. He taught us how to live, love and worship God.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you ever so much for sending your only son to us so we would know you and understand all the love you have for us. Amen.

Janice Delagrange

Wednesday, April 9

Isaiah 50: 3-6, Matthew 27: 27-31

“The Messiah will be mocked and abused.”

God had promised the Jews a messiah, which they were eagerly awaiting. But when he arrived, instead of welcoming him they turned him over to the Romans and cheered his crucifixion. What went wrong? What the Jews wanted (and expected) was different from God’s plan, quite so. The Jews (understandably) wanted a military commander to lead a force to drive the Romans out. Jesus promised eternal freedom ((in another world after death). If the Jews were on the right track they did the right thing, but they weren’t and didn’t.

Do we pray for worldly things or God’s things? His standards are different from ours. We are often disappointed, but shouldn’t be. What is this life, compared to eternity?

Prayer: Thank you, God, for giving me a good but stressful life, and much more for the promise of the life to come. Help me minimize my whining and increase my thankfulness. Amen. Art Delagrang

Thursday, April 10

Zach 11: 12-13/Matt 27:9-10

“The Messiah’s betrayal money would be used to buy the potter’s field.”

When we think of Good Friday we normally think of the death of Jesus. We seldom remember that it was also the death of Judas. Of course, Jesus was the least-deserving person ever and Judas possibly the most-deserving. But, as Christians, any premature death should sadden us. What would the rest of Judas’s life have been like had he not committed suicide? Of course we’ll never know for sure, but his final words, “I have betrayed innocent blood,” were in a way the first testimony to the crucified Christ.

It is said each time we go against Jesus’ teachings, we crucify Him a little more. I’m not sure that is good theology, but it certainly has meaning for me.

Prayer: Dear Lord, we thank you for the life you lived and died for us. We have often proved we ourselves could not achieve what is necessary. You not only set an example for us but gave yourself up for us so that we would not have to do everything that you did. I started to say we could not, but I don’t think that is so. You could have sinned, but didn’t, and we could lead sinless lives, but we just don’t. Thank you for your sacrifice. Amen, Art Delagrang

Friday, April 11

Psalm 35: 11/Mark 14:57-58

“The Messiah Would Be Falsely Accused”

Have you ever been falsely accused of something? I am sure you have just as I have. Being the youngest of six children, it sometimes made it easier for my older siblings Not to lie but sometimes just insinuate. Being the youngest and not very sophisticated in the ways of life, I would want to loudly and many times with tears proclaim my innocence. My parents were smarter than any of us and would comfort me and tell me that if you are innocent, you have nothing to get so upset about. But often the guilty would loudly and vigorously declare their innocence and/or find a scapegoat to blame.

Here Jesus is most certainly our greatest role model of innocence. In Psalm 35:11 and Mark 14:57-58 both speak about the concept of false witnesses rising up against an innocent person, with the key parallel being that both passages describe individuals being accused with fabricated testimonies they did not utter, essentially highlighting the theme of unjust persecution; Psalm 35:11 serves as a prophetic passage often interpreted as foreshadowing Jesus' trial where false witnesses were brought against him, as described in Mark 14:57-58.

Jesus knew what would happen just as he knew what was prophesied. He took the blame falsely and never struck or verbally debased his accusers. He was our best and most loving example of how to live our lives in His name.

Prayer: Dear Father when I want to become defensive, please remind me of Your Son who showed me that His Love is the role model. Amen, Jeane Flesch

Saturday, April 12

Isaiah 53: 7/Mark 15: 4-5

“The Messiah would be silent before his accusers”

The quote from Isaiah is a simile based on the truth that a goat slaughtered in the traditional manner responds with blood-curdling cries that can be heard from afar; but a sheep submits to the butcher's knife silently. The same phenomenon occurs when the animals are sheared. Jesus submitted to the outrages perpetrated against himself, offering no more resistance than a lamb, either sheared or slaughtered.

The citation from Mark 15 describes Pilate (at Jesus trial) asking Jesus if he would answer his accusers? But Jesus remained silent (like a lamb being slaughtered). We should recall that when John the Baptist was baptizing, he sees Jesus' approach and declares, “Look the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the World! (John 1: 29).

Try counting the times that Jesus (the Messiah) is compared to a lamb being led to slaughter. This is an agricultural simile based on the fact that a goat slaughtered in the traditional manner responds with blood-curdling cries that can be heard a long distance away, but a sheep submits to the butcher's knife silently. The same thing happens when animals are sheared. Jesus submitted to the outrages against himself, offering no more resistance than a lamb, either sheared or slaughtered.

In John 1:29 – John the Baptist identifies Jesus as “the Lamb of God” who takes away the sin of the world.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, we should ever be mindful of your silent acceptance of your fate on that cross as you fulfilled the prophecies, in obedience to God Almighty. You have paid the price for each of us sinners. Amen, Joe Flesch

“Messiah’s suffering would include thirst”

Today’s reading from Psalms proclaims: “My strength is dried up like potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death.” This psalm reads as if recording the pleas of one suffering death on a cross. The focus of today’s readings from John 19 deals with Jesus knowing that all was completed and the Scripture was fulfilled, He said “I am thirsty.” At this point soldiers soaked a sponge in wine vinegar put it a stick and lifted it to Jesus lips. When he had received the drink, He said, “it is finished.” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. The Jewish officials and Roman soldiers, mocked Him in his agony. There was no compassion shown, even the story about the soldier putting a sponge on a stick dipping it in wine vinegar and offering Jesus a drink of sour wine. is pure degradation, the Romans used sponges on a stick as we use toilet paper. Jesus completed his mission to remove Adam’s stain from His followers. We should remember that this crucifixion occurred during the Jewish Passover period when Jews from all countries were required to worship at the Temple in Jerusalem. Is it any wonder that information of this event and His resurrection spread so rapidly. The disciples and surly other witnesses attested to this.

**Prayer: Lord Jesus, we kneel in awe at your sacrifice to atone for our sins, inherited from Adam at our birth. Lord Jesus, we are truly born again through your sacrificial blood. Amen,
Joe Flesch**

“The Messiah’s Hands and Feet Would Be Pierced”

Psalm 22:16: It is believed that King David wrote this Psalm roughly a thousand years before Jesus was born. “Dogs surround me, a pack of villains encircles me; they pierce^l my hands and my feet.” This passage foretells Jesus’ crucifixion. The dogs are of course the enemies who did the piercing of Jesus on the cross, as well as those that put Him on the cross through declaring Him guilty.

John 19:36-37: “These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken and, as another scripture says, “They will look on the one they have pierced.” That is in Zachariah 12:10 This fulfills the Old Testament prophecies about the wounds inflicted on Jesus during His crucifixion.

I have a birthmark about the size of a nickel on my right shoulder; it is brown and was something I always hid under clothes with a sleeve – no matter the hot temperatures, this kid did not wear sleeveless anything! I wanted it removed. I beg, cried, and pleaded and my parents were sympathetic with my blight but steadfast in their stand that having it was a part of who I was. Mom said there are some scars or blemishes on our body that are a sort of identification.

Then she got the Bible and read to me about Jesus visiting the disciples and showing them His scars on His hands, feet, and side. He did this so that they would see, understand, and believe that he did not rise again merely as a spirit. He rose again physically, in bodily form.

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, Please help me to be the beautiful scarred hands and feet of Jesus: observing the needs around me, assessing my resources, and giving what I am able. Amen. Jeane Flesch

Holy Week Wednesday, April 16 Psalm 22:18/John 19: 23-24

“For the Messiah’s clothing they would cast lots”

In today’s readings we have the apostle John referring to the prophesy from Psalm 22: 18 which was written during the time of King David, circa 1044 BC. The book of John was written probably between 85-95 AD. Recall that when Jesus was sent to Herod by Pilate; Herod had Jesus dressed in regal clothes. At the cross the four soldiers divide his cloths into four piles; except for the under garment (a seamless tunic which would have been of great value as a whole piece, but just rags if divided into 4 parts). From my research, I believe these soldiers were probably from the 1st Cohort of the 12th Legion (recruited from Syria). The 1st Cohort of a legion was composed of veterans who had re-enlisted for another 20 years plus or minus.

We know that John was present at the Crucifixion of Christ Jesus. Remember that from the Cross Jesus assigned the care of his mother Mary to John rather than to any of his siblings. John was one of Jesus closest disciples. We need to keep in mind Pastor Emeritus Irvin Stapf’s introduction. It was through the Holy Spirit and testimony of Jesus followers and eyewitnesses that the Good News spread so rapidly. These were that people who wrote what we call “The New Testament”.

Prayer: Father Almighty, thank you for the Peace and Grace you bestow upon us through your Son, our Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus. Amen, Joe Flesch

Holy Thursday, April 17 Psalm 22:1/Matthew 27:46

“The Messiah Will Be Forsaken”

In the darkest moment on Calvary's cross, our Lord Jesus Christ cried out in anguish, echoing the prophetic words of David from Psalm 22. This remarkable connection between the Old and New Testament reveals God's divine plan of salvation, carefully woven through the fabric of Scripture. When Jesus exclaimed, "Eli, Eli, lama Sabathani," He was experiencing the full weight of God's judgment against sin. In this moment, Christ bore not only physical torture but the spiritual agony of separation from His Father. As Luther teaches us, Jesus became sin itself for our sake, taking upon Himself the curse that we deserved.

The forsaking of the Messiah was no accident or tragedy – it was the necessary fulfillment of God's redemptive purpose. Just as David's words in Psalm 22 move from despair to triumph, Christ's abandonment on the cross leads to the victory of Easter morning. Through His forsakenness, we are forever accepted; through His separation, we are eternally united with God. This truth brings profound comfort to Christians in their own moments of suffering and perceived abandonment. When we feel forsaken, we can remember that Christ himself walked this path before us. His cry of dereliction assures us that He understands our deepest pain, while His resurrection promises that abandonment is never the end of God's story. In Christ's forsakenness, we find our eternal acceptance. Through His wounds, we are healed.

Prayer: Gracious Father, we thank You for the sacrifice of Your beloved Son, who endured abandonment that we might never be forsaken. Help us to find comfort in His suffering and hope in His victory. When we face moments of darkness, remind us of Your faithful presence and eternal love. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen, Rev. Dr. Cary Larson, Presiding Pastor of The AALC

**Good Friday, April 18th Psalm 31:5/Luke 23:46
/Psalm 34:20/John 19:31-36
“The Messiah Will Cry Out”**

Recently in our Adult Sunday School class Dr. Chuck Missler told us that there are over 200 places in the Old Testament that are nearly or clearly verbatim as fulfilled in the New Testament. I am so grateful that we have access to the knowledge and research that Biblical Scholars have made available to us. In today's readings, we have two very distinct examples of those verbatim incidents.

In Psalm 31:5, ***“Into your hands I commit my spirit; deliver me, Lord, my faithful God.”*** This was a Psalm written by David at a time he was fleeing for his life from Saul.

In Luke 23:46, ***“Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.” When he had said this, he breathed his last”*** Here Luke is recording Jesus' final words on the cross, signifying Jesus' act of entrusting his spirit to God the Father even in the midst of suffering; both verses express complete trust and surrender to God in extreme hardship.

In Psalm 34:20, ***“He protects all his bones; not one of them will be broken”***. It is believed that David wrote this Psalm after escaping from the Philistines and hiding in a cave.

In John 19: 31-36 ***“.....they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down, The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken,”***^{Again} John is a witness to the crucifixion and The prophecy is fulfilled when Jesus' bones are not broken during his crucifixion.

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, Help us to understand that the Old Testament is what happened in the past; the New Testament is what happened in the present, the book of Revelation tells us the future. May we have complete faith and confidence in that what the Bible says is true. Amen, Jeane Flesch

**Saturday April 19 Jeremiah 31:31/Matthew 26:28
“The Messiah will Usher In a New Covenant”**

In Jeremiah 31:31, God promises a “New Covenant,” distinct from the old one made with Israel. He declares, “I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah,” which speaks to the transformative work of the Messiah. This new covenant is fulfilled in Jesus Christ, who, through His life, death, and resurrection, establishes a deeper, more intimate relationship between God and His people.

Matthew 26:28 reflects this in Christ's words during the Last Supper, saying, “For this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.” Jesus' sacrifice inaugurates the New Covenant, one that no longer relies on sacrifices of animals but is sealed by His own blood. This covenant offers forgiveness of sins, access to God, and eternal life to all who believe in Christ. The Messiah brings an end to the old system, establishing a lasting and intimate union with God through grace and faith, sealed forever by His sacrifice.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank You for the salvation of the New Covenant through Christ's blood, abolishing the old laws, granting us forgiveness, grace, and eternal fellowship. Amen. Ashley Gray

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