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Do this in Remembrance
 of Me...

Worship Service

April 7, 2023

6:30 p.m.

Call To Worship: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Welcome And Invocation To Worship

Singing Together: (Congregation Stands)

"Hallelujah, What a Savior!"

"Lead Me to Calvary"

"Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?"

The Reading of the Law: The Ten Commandments

Prayer For The Gathering

Doxology

Offertory and Special Music: "Written in Red"

Scripture Reading: John 18:29–32

Prayer For Illumination

Message: When Evil "Backfires"

Prayer for Understanding

Communion

Response Song: (Congregation Stands) "O How He Loves You and Me"

Benediction

Choral Benediction: "Bless the Lord, O My Soul "

Scripture Reference: John 18:29–32

Sermon Outline: When Evil "Backfires"

I. Introduction, Gen. 50:20.

II. Exposition of the text, John 18:29–32.

A. Context

B. The evil intent.

1. Introducing Pilate, vs. 29a.

a. Pilate's history.

b. Trouble with the Jews.

2. A tense dialog, vs. 29b–31.

a. Pilate's question, vs. 29b.

b. The impudent answer, vs. 30.

c. Pilate's shrewd response, vs. 31a, Matt. 27:18.

d. The Jew's counter-move, vs. 31b.

3. Evil that God means for good, vs. 32.

a. The Sanhedrin's perspective.

b. Christ's perspective, Gal. 3:13.

c. When evil backfires, John 3:14, 8:28. 12:32,34.

III. Conclusion

Synopsis:

As we continue our yearly Good Friday series, we return to John's Gospel to find the Sanhedrin with a beaten and bound Jesus, standing outside Pilate's house. Their intent is clearly evil-- to hand Jesus over to Pilate so he will crucify Him. We will analyze the tense dialogue between them and realize that the religious leaders will accept nothing short of crucifixion for their own wicked reasons. But as is the case throughout Scripture, God often allows the evil intent of Satan's agents to materialize, but turns the results to His will and to good. In this case, their insistence of hanging Jesus on a tree in order to see Him "cursed", totally backfires on them, bringing about the ultimate destruction of sin and death and sealing the fate of Satan in the process! The Sanhedrin meant it for evil, but God meant it for good. And therefore, evil backfires!

Good Friday
Worship Songs

April 7, 2023

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross,
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ, my God.
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

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Hallelujah, What a Savior!

"Man of Sorrows!" what a name,
For the Son of God, who came,
Ruined sinners to reclaim!
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
In my place condemned He stood;
Sealed my pardon with His blood:
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Guilty, vile and helpless we,
Spotless Lamb of God was He;
Full atonement! can it be?
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die,
"It is finished," was His cry;
Now in heav'n exalted high:
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

When He comes, our glorious King,
All His ransomed home to bring,
Then anew this song we'll sing:
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Lead Me to Calvary

King of my life, I crown Thee now,
Thine shall the glory be;
Lest I forget Thy thorn-crowned brow,
Lead me to Calvary.

Refrain
Lest I forget Gethsemane,
Lest I forget Thine agony;
Lest I forget Thy love for me,
Lead me to Calvary.

Show me the tomb where Thou wast laid,
Tenderly mourned and wept;
Angels in robes of light arrayed
Guarded Thee whilst Thou slept.
(Refrain)

Let me, like Mary, through the gloom,
Come with a gift to Thee;
Show to me now the empty tomb,
Lead me to Calvary.
(Refrain)

May I be willing, Lord, to bear
Daily my cross for Thee;
Even Thy cup of grief to share,
Thou hast borne all for me.
(Refrain)

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Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?

Alas! and did my Savior bleed
And did my Sov'reign die?
Would He devote that sacred head
For sinners such as I?

Was it for sins that I have done
He suffered on the tree?
Amazing pity! grace unknown!
And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide
And shut His glories in,
When Christ, the great Redeemer died
For man the creature's sin.

But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away-
'Tis all that I can do.

The Ten Commandments

You shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them,

You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Written in Red

In letters of crimson
God wrote His love,
On a hillside so long, long ago.
For you and for me, Jesus died,
And love's greatest story was told.

Refrain

I love you; I love you,
That's what Calvary said.
I love you; I love you,
I love you written in red.

Down through the ages,
God wrote His love.
With the same hands
that suffered and bled,
giving all He had to give,
A message so easily read.
(Refrain)

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Sermon Text:

John 18:29 So Pilate went outside to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?"

John 18:30 They answered him, "If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered him over to you."

John 18:31 Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law." The Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death."

John 18:32 This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

Calvary's Anthem

O How He Loves You and Me

Jesus to Calv'ry did go;
His love for sinners to show.
What He did there bro't
Hope from despair.
O how He loves you;
O how He loves me;
O how He loves you and me!

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Bless the Lord, O My Soul

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
Bless the Lord, O my soul;
And all that is within me,
Bless His holy name.

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HEAVENLY FATHER,

*Thou hast led me singing to the cross
where I fling down all my burden and see them vanish,
where my mountains of guilt are levelled to a plain,
where my sins disappear, though they are the greatest that exist,
and are more in number than the grains of fine sand;*

*For there is power in the blood of Calvary
to destroy sins more than can be counted
even by one from the choir of heaven.*

*Thou hast given me a hill-side spring
that washes clear and white,
and I go as a sinner to its waters,
bathing without hindrance in its crystal streams.*

*At the cross there is free forgiveness
for poor and meek ones,
and ample blessings that last for ever;
The blood of the Lamb is like a great river
of infinite grace
with never any diminishing of its fullness
as thirsty ones without number drink of it.*

*O Lord, for ever will thy free forgiveness live
that was gained on the mount of blood;
In the midst of a world of pain
it is a subject for praise in every place,
a song on earth, an anthem in heaven,
its love and virtue knowing no end.
I have a longing for the world above
where multitudes sing the great song,
for my soul was never created to love the dust of earth.
Though here my spiritual state is frail and poor,
I shall go on singing Calvary's anthem.
May I always know that a clean heart full of goodness
is more beautiful than the lily,
that only a clean heart can sing by night and by day,
that such a heart is mine when I abide at Calvary.*

*A prayer from the Valley of Vision
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