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Do this in Remembrance
 of Me...

Worship Service

March 29, 2024

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

Communion

Offertory and Special Music: "Behold the Lamb (Communion Hymn)"

Scripture Reading: John 18:33–38, Matt. 27:11

Prayer For Illumination

Message: "The Exclusivity of Truth"

Prayer for Understanding

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

Benediction

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

Scripture Reference: John 18:33–38, Matt. 27:11 (ESV)

Sermon Outline: "The Exclusivity of Truth"

- I. Introduction, John 1:9,14,14:6, 8:44–45.
- II. Exposition of the text, John 18:34–38, Matt. 27:11.
 - A. Context
 - B. Jesus' first interview with Pilate.
 1. Pilate's question, John 18:33, Matt. 27:11.
 - a. Harmonizing the Gospels, John 18:29–33, Matt. 27:11, Mark 15:2, Luke 23:2–3.
 - b. Establishing the timeline.
 2. Jesus' answer to expose the truth, Matt. 27:11, Mark 15:2, Luke 23:3.
 3. The discussion of truth, John 18:34–38a.
 - a. Jesus' counter-question, vs. 34.
 - i. Turning the tables, John 18:21,23.
 - ii. The reason for the "turnaround".
 - iii. Changing the course of the conversation, John 2:24–25.
 - b. Pilate becomes intrigued, vs. 35.
 - i. An aggravated response.
 - ii. A more direct question.
 - 1) Probing the accusation.
 - 2) A growing curiosity.
 - c. Pilate's confrontation with Truth, vs. 36.
 - i. A profound privilege, John 1:1,14,14:6.
 - ii. The nature of Christ's Kingdom.
 - iii. A logical conclusion.
 - d. The Word of Truth, vs. 37.
 - i. Pilate presses the issue, vs. 37a.
 - ii. The King of the Kingdom, vs. 37b.
 - 1) Jesus' affirmative answer.
 - 2) Paradoxical origins.
 - a) Born to be a King.
 - b) A pre-existent King, John 1:1,14,17:5.
 - c) Putting the two together, Gal. 4:4–5.
 - 3) Bearing witness to the truth.
 - a) Witness to the Truth of God, John 14:6.
 - b) The Word of Truth, John 1:14, 17:8,14,17, 15:26,27, Acts 18.
 - c) The Truth of the Gospel.
 - 4) His sheep hear His voice.
 - a) Some hear His voice, some do not.
 - b) Those of the truth hear His voice, John 10:26–27.
 - e. Pilate's fatalistic view of truth, vs. 38.
 - i. "Truth" to Pilate was relative, John 8:44.
 - ii. "Truth" from an unlikely source, Heb. 4:15.
 - III. Application
 - IV. Conclusion

Synopsis:

One of the great challenges people living in a fallen society like ours face is recognizing and implementing "truth". When so many people have so many definitions of what is "true", how do we determine what the truth actually is? Such is the encounter we will study in this Good Friday message between Jesus, who is the absolute truth of God, and Pilate, a man who has no idea what truth is. But we will find our answer in Jesus' words and in the truth He came to proclaim and leave behind. Ultimately we will establish that absolute truth can only be found in the Word of God and those who believe in that Word are the only ones who truly understand the exclusivity of truth. Ultimately, we will realize the necessity and indeed the responsibility of the church, as the protectors of the truth, to proclaim the exclusivity of truth, even in the midst of a culture that denies it.

Good Friday
Worship Songs

March 29, 2024

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.

Behold the Lamb (Communion Hymn)

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us – and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
Torn for you – eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life
Paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you – drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond, – and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering
We proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King

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Sermon Text: (John 18:33–38–sermon scripture)

John 18:33. So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

John 18:34. Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?"

John 18:35. Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?"

John 18:36. Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world."

John 18:37. Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world— to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice."

John 18:38. Pilate said to him, "What is truth?" After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, "I find no guilt in him."

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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Calvary's Anthem

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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