

Class 19- 3.6.19

In Class Videos:

Advent series: Hope

https://youtu.be/4WYNBjJSYvE

Messiah

https://youtu.be/3dEh25pduQ8

Read Scripture Luke

https://youtu.be/XIb_dCIxzr0 (8:16) https://youtu.be/26z_KhwNdD8 (7:48)

Reading:

- Day 1 Read Psalm 31, Luke 1-5
- Day 2 Read Psalm 33, Luke 6-10
- Day 3 Read Psalm 58, Luke 11-15
- Day 4 Read Psalm 64, Luke 16-20
- Day 5 Read Psalms 109, 111 and Luke 21-24

Reflection:

1. How are the promises to Abraham, Judah and David all tied together? What kind of future hope is described in the promises to each of these men? See GENESIS 12:1-3, 49:8-12, 1 CHRONICLES 17:10-14.

2. How does Isaiah combine the themes of the future victorious messiah and the fatally wounded victor from Genesis 3:15? Read Isaiah 52:13-53:12: Where is the servant's victory described? Why does the servant die? What results from the servant dying?

3. Recall how Jesus saw himself as freeing people from slavery to the snake's influence (see Luke 13:16 and Acts 10:38). How does the rest of the New Testament describe that same freedom in the lives of Jesus' followers? Describe your freedom in Jesus. What does it mean personally to you? See HEBREWS 2:14-15 and 2 TIMOTHY 1:9-10 for help.

4. Since Jesus came the first time, we have no need for a priest. Jesus is the high priest forever like we studied in class. His death atomes for our sins and reconciles us to the Father. Beautiful news. Read <u>Hebrews 2:17</u> and <u>4:14</u>. What does this mean to you that you can approach God the Father directly through Jesus? What difference does it make not to need a human priest to intercede to Him on your behalf?

5. Read Luke 19:1-10. You may know this story from childhood Sunday School, but there is so much from us to learn from it as adults. Ponder these. What are some of the first things you would do if you knew Jesus was coming to your house? Would you take more time preparing your heart or house? In what ways can past sins and guilt keep you from wanting to be in the presence of Jesus?

The religious leaders in this story didn't believe Zacchaeus deserved to have Jesus talk with him. How can you fight against the attitude that some people are more deserving of grace while others have fallen too far away?

Why was it important for Zacchaeus to take actions that supported his change of heart? Salvation coming to Zacchaeus' house had nothing to do with him giving away his money. Jesus was going to his house no matter the reaction. Zacchaeus needed to refocus his heart and mind from money to Jesus. What does it mean to you to not only repent, but to surrender the areas of your life that are drawing you away from God? How do you do this? Ask God to show you the areas and help you know what steps to take. 6. Like we said in class, it was impossible for people living before the first coming of Jesus to distinguish the difference in the prophecies about His first coming vs. His second coming. They were expecting physical/political/military deliverance by the Messiah and that is why so many didn't get Jesus' mission. But later, Jesus the Messiah will deliver His people from their physical enemies when He sets up His Kingdom on the earth. Read Isaiah 9:1–7 and thank God for this prophecy that one day will be true.

Extra Credit:

Luke also consists of 18 unique parables that are only found in the Luke. Some of them are the Good Samaritan, the Lost Sheep, and the Prodigal Son (Luke 10:25-37, 15:4-7, 15:11-32). Read and meditate on the truths that these parables teach.