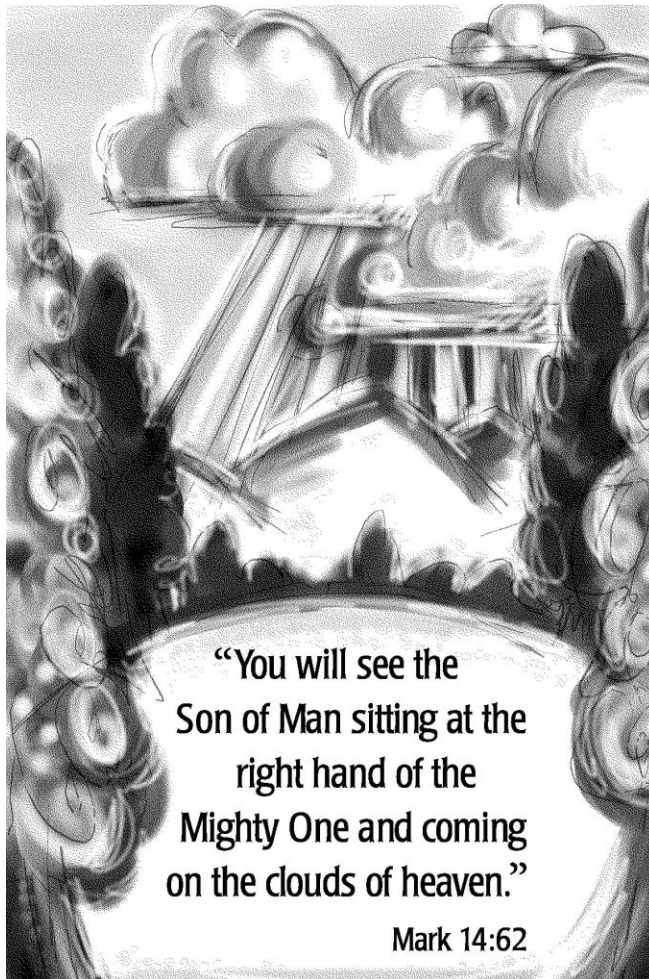


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As We Gather

This Lent, we will use the metaphor of eyesight to examine how the various people in Mark's Gospel viewed Jesus during His Passion. In most cases, they misunderstood who He was and what He was doing; then again, sometimes by faith people did recognize Him correctly.

We have these forty days of Lent in which we may look within ourselves as people of faith in our day. How are we like or unlike the people who saw Jesus in the flesh? Most important, as we gather for worship, we will see what Jesus has done to save us from our sins by His holy, precious blood and innocent sufferings and death.

Today, we take a look at the chief priests and scribes, who saw Jesus as an obstacle to be rid of by violence. Yet, during the Passover festival, they would unwittingly bring about the sacrifice of the ultimate Passover Lamb. How, then, should we view those who oppose the Gospel in our day? And how might these insights guide our prayers?

453 Upon the Cross Extended



1 Up - on the cross ex - tend - ed See, world, your
2 Come, see these things and pon - der, Your soul will
3 Who is it, Lord, that bruised You? Who has so
4 I caused Your grief and sigh - ing By e - vils



Lord sus - pend - ed. Your Sav - ior yields His breath.
fill with won - der As blood streams from each pore.
sore a - bused You And caused You all Your woe?
mul - ti - ply - ing As count - less as the sands.



The Prince of Life from heav - en Him - self has free - ly
Through grief be - yond all know - ing From His great heart came
We all must make con - fes - sion Of sin and dire trans -
I caused the woes un - num - bered With which Your soul is



giv - en To shame and blows and bit - ter death.
flow - ing Sighs well - ing from its deep - est core.
gres - sion While You no ways of e - vil know.
cum - bered, Your sor - rows raised by wick - ed hands.

- 5 Your soul in griefs unbounded,
Your head with thorns surrounded,
 You died to ransom me.
The cross for me enduring,
The crown for me securing,
 You healed my wounds and set me free.
- 6 Your cords of love, my Savior,
Bind me to You forever,
 I am no longer mine.
To You I gladly tender
All that my life can render
 And all I have to You resign.
- 7 Your cross I place before me;
Its saving pow'r restore me,
 Sustain me in the test.
It will, when life is ending,
Be guiding and attending
 My way to Your eternal rest.

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Stand if able

- L** O Lord, open my lips,
C and my mouth will declare Your praise.
- L** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C make haste to help me, O Lord.
- C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.



Psalmody

Psalm

Psalm 10:1–12

- L** Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up Your hand;
forget not the afflicted.
- C** **Why, O LORD, do You stand afar off?**
Why do You hide yourself in times of trouble?
- L** In arrogance the wicked hotly pursue the poor;
let them be caught in the schemes that they have devised.
- C** **For the wicked boasts of the desires of his soul,**
and the one greedy for gain curses and renounces the LORD.
In the pride of his face the wicked does not seek Him;
all his thoughts are, “There is no God.”
- L** His ways prosper at all times;
Your judgments are on high, out of his sight;
as for all his foes, he puffs at them.
- C** **He says in his heart, “I shall not be moved;**
throughout all generations I shall not meet adversity.”
- L** His mouth is filled with cursing and deceit and oppression;
under his tongue are mischief and iniquity.
- C** **He sits in ambush in the villages;**
in hiding places he murders the innocent.
His eyes stealthily watch for the helpless;
- L** he lurks in ambush like a lion in his thicket;
he lurks that he may seize the poor;
he seizes the poor when he draws him into his net.
- C** **The helpless are crushed,**
sink down, and fall by his might.
- L** He says in his heart, “God has forgotten,
He has hidden His face, He will never see it.”
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son**
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- L** Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up Your hand;
forget not the afflicted.

Sit

Readings

Reading

Job 24:13–17

L A reading from Job, chapter 24.

“There are those who rebel against the light,
who are not acquainted with its ways,
and do not stay in its paths.

The murderer rises before it is light,
that he may kill the poor and needy,
and in the night he is like a thief.

The eye of the adulterer also waits for the twilight,
saying, ‘No eye will see me’;
and he veils his face.

In the dark they dig through houses;
by day they shut themselves up;
they do not know the light.

For deep darkness is morning to all of them;
for they are friends with the terrors of deep darkness.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading

1 John 3:11–15

L A reading from 1 John, chapter 3.

For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother’s righteous. Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you. We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.



Reading

Matthew 23:29–36

L A reading from Matthew, chapter 23.

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and decorate the monuments of the righteous, saying, ‘If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.’ Thus you witness against yourselves that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets. Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers. You serpents, you brood of vipers, how are you to escape being sentenced to hell? Therefore I send you prophets and wise men and scribes, some of whom you will kill and crucify, and some you will flog in your synagogues and persecute from town to town, so that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of innocent Abel to the blood of Zechariah the son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar. Truly, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading

Mark 14:1, 53–65

L A reading from Mark, chapter 14.

It was now two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest him by stealth and kill him,

And they led Jesus to the high priest. And all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together. And Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he was sitting with the guards and warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole Council were seeking testimony against Jesus to put him to death, but they found none. For many bore false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree. And some stood up and bore false witness against him, saying, “We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.’” Yet even about this their testimony did not agree. And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, “Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?” But he remained silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?” And Jesus said, “I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.” And the high priest tore his garments and said, “What further witnesses do we need? You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?” And they all condemned him as deserving death. And some began to spit on him and to cover his face and to strike him, saying to him, “Prophecy!” And the guards received him with blows.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsory (Lent)

Psalm 51:14; Psalm 59:1; Psalm 141:8

- [L]** Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.
[C] **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**
[L] In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.
[C] **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**
[L] Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.
[C] **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

Our Eyes Behold the Savior's Face

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1 Our eyes be - hold the Sav - ior's face And
 2 Our fo - cus flits and fails to see The
 3 Our sights train on the dread - ful cross. Be -
 4 Our vi - sion blurs with anx - ious tears As
 5 Our view scans for the com - ing Day That
 yet can - not per - ceive That His per - spec - tive
 One whose stead - fast gaze Pro - pelled Him to the
 neath His know - ing eyes, Our sins are bare and
 Je - sus' eye - lids fall To con - quer sin and
 ev - er - more grows near, When Je - sus wipes our
 held our grace Be - fore we could be - lieve.
 dark - ened tree En - vel - oped in death's haze.
 set for loss; He sees us as His prize.
 all our fears And tear in two our pall.
 tears a - way And all is crys - tal clear.

Sermon

Canticle

Stand if able

- L** Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
C and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Magnificat

Luke 1:46–55

- C** My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior;
I for He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.
II For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed.
I For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;
II and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.
I He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
II He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.
I He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away.
II He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Prayer

Kneel/Sit

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



- C** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Lord's Prayer

- C** Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
**For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

Collects



L O Lord, hear my prayer.



C And let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect for Lent

L Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Stand if able

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1



L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14

P The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



C A - - men.

877 God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven



1 God, who made the earth and heav - en, Dark - ness and light:
 2 And when morn a - gain shall call us To run life's way,
 3 Guard us wak - ing, guard us sleep - ing, And when we die,
 △ 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, throned in heav - en, All - ho - ly Son,



You the day for work have giv - en, For rest the night. May Your
 May we still, what - e'er be - fall us, Your will o - bey. From the
 May we in Your might - y keep - ing All peace - ful lie. When the
 Ho - ly Spir - it, free - ly giv - en, Blest Three in One: Grant us



an - gel guards de - fend us, Slum - ber sweet Your mer - cy send us,
 pow'r of e - vil hide us, In the nar - row path - way guide us,
 last dread call shall wake us, Then, O Lord, do not for - sake us,
 grace, we now im - plore You, Till we lay our crowns be - fore You



Ho - ly dreams and hopes at - tend us All through the night.
 Nev - er be Your smile de - nied us All through the day.
 But to reign in glo - ry take us With You on high.
 And in wor - thier strains a - dore You While a - ges run.

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