



## EYES ON JESUS: BETRAYING EYES

### 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 examine the motives and means of Judas's betrayal of Jesus. Why and how have we done the same? And how does our Lord look upon us? Although we have betrayed and handed over our Lord, God has caused Holy Scripture to be handed over to us, wherein we know all our sins are forgiven, for Jesus' life was given over to death for us.

### OPENING SENTENCES

- 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.

### PSALM

PSALM 121:1-2; 145:15-16; 17:8; 25:15; JOB 19:25-27

- L** I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?  
**C** My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. *121:1-2*
- L** The eyes of all look to You, and You give them their food in due season.  
**C** You open Your hand; You satisfy the desire of every living thing. *145:15-16*
- L** Keep me as the apple of Your eye;  
**C** hide me in the shadow of Your wings. *17:8*
- L** My eyes are ever toward the LORD,  
**C** for He will pluck my feet out of the net. *25:15*
- L** For I know that my Redeemer lives,  
**C** and at the last He will stand upon the earth.

- L** And after my skin has been thus destroyed,  
**C** yet in my flesh I shall see God,  
**L** whom I shall see for myself,  
**C** and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

*Job 19:25–27*

## FIRST READING

*ACTS 7:48–53*

- L** Stephen recalls how the people rejected the prophets and have now betrayed and murdered Jesus, whom the prophets announced beforehand.

A reading from the seventh chapter of Acts.

<sup>48</sup>Yet the Most High does not dwell in houses made by hands, as the prophet says,

<sup>49</sup>“Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. What kind of house will you build for me, says the Lord, or what is the place of my rest? <sup>50</sup>Did not my hand make all these things?”

<sup>51</sup>“You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. <sup>52</sup>Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, <sup>53</sup>you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.”

- L** O Lord, have mercy on us.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## SECOND READING

*2 TIMOTHY 3:1–5*

- L** Paul warns Timothy that in times to come he should avoid people who will follow their own sinful desires.

A reading from the third chapter of Paul’s second letter to Timothy.

<sup>1</sup>But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty.

<sup>2</sup>For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, <sup>3</sup>heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, <sup>4</sup>treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, <sup>5</sup>having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people.

- L** O Lord, have mercy on us.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## RESPONSORY

*MARK 14:21B; 1 PETER 1:3B, 8, ADAPTED*

- L** The Son of Man goes as it is written of Him.  
**C** Though we have not seen Him, we love Him.  
Though we do not now see Him, we believe in Him and rejoice with joy.
- L** God has caused us to be born again to a living hope.  
**C** Though we have not seen Him, we love Him.  
Though we do not now see Him, we believe in Him and rejoice with joy.

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## PASSION

MARK 14:10-21, 32, 41-46

**P** This Lent, we are looking at the events of our Lord's Passion through the eyes of some of the people who witnessed it. In order to do that today, we shall all read the words of Judas.

<sup>10</sup>Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. <sup>11</sup>And when they heard it, they were glad and promised to give him money. And he sought an opportunity to betray him.

<sup>12</sup>And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, "Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" <sup>13</sup>And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, <sup>14</sup>and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?'" <sup>15</sup>And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us." <sup>16</sup>And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>17</sup>And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. <sup>18</sup>And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." <sup>19</sup>They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, "Is it I?" <sup>20</sup>He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. <sup>21</sup>For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born."

<sup>32</sup>And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray."

<sup>41</sup>And he came the third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>42</sup>Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

<sup>43</sup>And immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. <sup>44</sup>Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man. Seize him and lead him away under guard." <sup>45</sup>And when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" And he kissed him. <sup>46</sup>And they laid hands on him and seized him.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

'Betraying Eyes'

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## KYRIE

- C** Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy.

## 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

- L** Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when You were betrayed, You handed over to Your Church the blessed Sacrament of Your body and blood. The next day You were handed over by Your Father to death on our behalf. Grant that, as our faith is strengthened by feasting on You, the Bread of Life, we may never betray You but steadfastly confess You as our Redeemer; for You live and reign with the Father 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.

## COLLECT

- L** Lord Jesus Christ, in the Garden of Gethsemane You suffered the agony of drinking from the cup of Your Father's wrath against our sin, being betrayed by a kiss from one of Your own. Give us strength to remain awake as we now wait and watch for Your coming again, knowing that the Father's wrath against us has been satisfied by Your bloody death and vindicating resurrection; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## COLLECT FOR PEACE

**L** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## BENEDICAMUS & BENEDICTION

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**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** Amen.

## LSB # 663 RISE, MY SOUL, TO WATCH AND PRAY

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1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; From your sleep a - wak -  
2 Watch a - gainst the dev - il's snares Lest a - sleep he find  
3 Watch! Let not the wick - ed world With its lies de - feat



en! Be not by the e - vil day Un - a - wares o'er -  
you; For in - deed no pains he spares To de - ceive and  
you Lest with bold de - cep - tions hurled It be - tray and



tak - en; For the foe, Well we know, Is a  
blind you. Sa - tan's prey Oft are they Who se -  
cheat you. Watch and see Lest there be Faith - less



har - vest reap - ing While the saints are sleep - ing.  
cure are sleep - ing And no watch are keep - ing.  
friends to charm you, Who but seek to harm you.

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