

## NEXT STEP: STUDY &amp; SHARE

## READINGS

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Matthew 26:14--27:66

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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## SERMON TEXT- John 9:1-41

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## LISTENING TO . . .

**GOD-** *Christian life is rooted in the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit*

1. Humankind is alienated from God due to sin, death, & the devil & we are powerless to change it. Jesus, as the Suffering Servant, comes to redeem us. How do the "servant songs" show that our reconciliation with God the Father is done by God the Son? In other words, that God is one who is reconciled (with/for us) & that God is the one who does the reconciling? *See all four "servant songs" Isaiah 42:1-4, 49:1-6, 50:4-7, 52:13-53:12 (& 61:1-3).*
2. What verbal images in those passages suggest Jesus' humiliations during Holy Week? What words suggest that the Servant was always faithful to God?

**EACH OTHER-** *Sharing & growing with our brothers & sisters in Christ*

3. How is the tearing of the temple veil/curtain (v27:50) fittingly paired with Jesus' death? *See Romans 8:35-38; 2 Corinthians 3:10-18; Hebrews 9:1-15*
4. Consider Jesus' prayer and the disciples' lack thereof in the garden of Gethsemane (26:36-46). How has this Covid19 crisis revealed you: to be like the disciples? To share in St. Peter's bravado (26:33-35, 69-75)?

**NEIGHBORS-** *Bearing fruit for those not yet our brothers & sisters*

5. How do the plots to prevent a fake resurrection stunt (27:62-66, 28:11-15) actually provide evidence for the resurrection? *See 1 Corinthians 15:3-7*
6. How about a *Corona Virus Challenge*? Stay in contact with one other person in your congregation each day. Make a phone call, send a text or email, use Facetime (or similar app) & see how one another are doing. Don't leave each other behind. Help each other meet one another's needs (low on groceries or medicine or toiletries?). Make it your goal to reach out to one other person in the congregation (not in your home/family) each day during these restrictions.

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Palm & Passion Sunday

04.05.20

Series: The Flipside

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Wrath Overcome

*Ironically God's wrath is overcome by God's submission to it*

-Notes-

KEY VERSE: The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, “Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise again.’ (vv62-63)

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-NEXT STEPS MEMORY VERSE-

Christ humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name. (*Philippians 2:8-9*)

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