

**Monday**

Hebrews 9:11-14
Jeremiah 33:1-9
Acts 15:5-11

Today's reading further emphasizes how Jesus is better than any previous high priest or any previous sacrifice. Christ being a completely unblemished sacrifice to God changed everything! Never forget, however, that Jesus' sacrifice on the cross was not a random event; it was a promise that had been given to God's people. That is what gives the words of the prophets in the Old Testament like Jeremiah such power and authority; they weren't empty promises! There is a popular Christian saying that says, "Jesus plus nothing equals everything!" How do you need to be reminded of that today? No matter what you have done, Jesus' sacrifice and grace are enough for you!

Tuesday

Hebrews 9:15-22
Exodus 24
Matthew 26:17-30

This section of Scripture answers the question many people have: "Why did Jesus *have* to die?" Couldn't there have been a way for God to redeem His people, other than sacrificing His own Son? Unfortunately, the answer is no. In creating a new covenant with God's people, Jesus knew the old covenant had to be fulfilled and He was the only one to be able to fulfill this completely. This is the reason Jesus gave us the act of Communion, so we could be reminded that His sacrifice was the only thing that would provide the complete forgiveness of sins. For thousands of years, the sacrifices people made were only temporary. It was not a once-for-all sacrifice. Use the implications of what Jesus did for each of us on the cross as a reminder and a way to lead you into a time of worship. Salvation found in Christ alone should bring us to our knees in surrender and to our feet in praise!

Wednesday

Hebrews 9:23-28
2 Corinthians 5

Today as you reflect on the reading, stop for a moment and think about the reality of what Christ endured on the cross. Obviously, we all know that the act of crucifixion was a horrible experience; but let's not forget that in addition to enduring that pain, Jesus bore the sin of EVERYONE all at ONE time! Each of you have probably at some time had to take the blame or responsibility of something that wasn't your fault, and sometimes that can be a heavy burden to bear. Think what it would be like to take the fall for everything that has ever happened against God's will. This is what Jesus endured for you and everyone. Jesus, once and for all, lowered Himself, so we might be raised to life. Like yesterday, pause and worship the Lord for what He has done. Because of Christ, you are a new creation—the old is gone and the new has come!

**Thursday**

Hebrews 10:1-10
1 Samuel 15:22
John 6:25-71

How many of you have had moments where you felt like you needed to “get right” with the Lord, only to feel the same way 6 months later? All of us have had moments like that in our faith, but these moments might actually show that we still don’t understand what Jesus did for us! In the moment of salvation, everything is forgiven immediately. If you have a bad week the following week, the forgiveness of sins did not change. After salvation we never have to “get right” with the Lord again in terms of salvation; we just need to be reminded of the Gospel and turn back to the Lord. The Enemy wants us to turn to anything other than the Lord for our fulfillment, but there is a reason why we find ourselves still unfulfilled every time we do this. When the disciples were asked about turning to other things or about leaving Jesus, they replied, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.” If you have found yourself turning to other things for your satisfaction, realize that as a believer in Christ, you are already forgiven. Press into the Lord as the only One who can truly sustain and fulfill you.

Friday

Psalm 40

Our reading today will consist simply of a single psalm. Psalm 40 is a very well known and popular psalm, and has been used by many musicians in their songs. The reason it is so widely used is because the author, David, is communicating something we all go through. David is crying out to the Lord in his time of need. When we have these moments of despair, or when we feel like we have messed up again (like we talked about yesterday), Psalm 40 should be our prayer! David begins Psalm 40 in praise to God for His past mercies, then reminds himself of the times he has been faithful to God in his own life. He then pleads to the Lord for help in his present circumstance. It is important in our times of need to not create a pity party for ourselves. Acknowledge where you are, remember where you have been, and seek the Lord on where you want to be with Him. In each one of those moments, worship God for His mercies and how He has shown you grace, past and present, in spite of your failures.

**Saturday****Hebrews 10:11-18**
Micah 6:6-8

In verse 17 of today's reading, we read one of the most powerful and incredible declarations about God's response to us because of Jesus. The author communicates the words of the Holy Spirit which state, "Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more." Every day we need the Holy Spirit to remind us of this. When we truly recognize that God no longer remembers our sin, it should motivate us to respond to the Lord and to make us declare, "In light of what you have done for me, what can I do for you?" In a single verse in the book of Micah, we find the answer. We are to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with the Lord. As one commentary reads, the meaning here for mercy speaks of devotion and faithfulness to God's promises. In other words, Jesus died for us so that we can live for Him and to Him.

Sunday**Hebrews 10:19-25**
Ephesians 3

There is a joke that says whenever you read the word "therefore" in Scripture, you should probably stop and ask yourself what it is THERE FOR. Over the past week, we have been reminded daily of the significance and implications of Jesus' sacrifice for us. Today's reading gives us the "in light of that" response. Because of Jesus, let us draw near to God with everything we have. Let us challenge and encourage each other with everything we have. Let us stay committed to the Gospel and to God's church with everything we have. As we gather in worship today as a Church body, let's blow the roof off in worship! Let us live in the promise that God will continually do more than we could ever think or imagine!