



**DAILY BREAD
LECTIONARY DEVOTIONS
GOOD FRIDAY—YEAR C**

INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father
and of the Son +
and of the Holy Spirit.

G: Amen

PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 22

**A: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

L: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

G: Why are you so far from saving me?

L: I am a worm and not a man,

G: scorned by men and despised by the people.

L: All who see me mock me;

G: they hurl insults, shaking their heads:

L: “He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD rescue him.

G: Let him deliver him, since he delights in him.”

L: My strength is dried up, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;

G: you lay me in the dust of death.

L: A band of evil men has encircled me,

G: they have pierced my hands and my feet.

L: They divide my garments among them

G: and cast lots for my clothing.

**A: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: God Most Holy, look with mercy on this your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, be given over into the hands of the wicked, and suffer death upon the cross. Keep us always faithful to him, our only Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

READING & MEDITATION

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PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

**A: 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.**

VERSE OF THE DAY

A: Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. (Isaiah 53:4)

BENEDICTION

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

A: Amen

READING AND MEDITATION:

Good Friday: All of human history hinges on this day. Humbling himself before the will of the Father and the blood-thirst of men, the Son of God is slaughtered. Even worse than an ignomible death, the Father must reject his own Son since he bears the sin of the world. But all this served God's saving purpose, and so we call this Friday...Good.

As you study this week, seek to find the connecting theme in all the lessons by using Luther's Four Big Barber Questions to ponder and discuss each individual reading:

1. *What is God saying to me in this lesson?*
2. *For what does this lesson lead me to give thanks?*
3. *What sins does this lesson lead me to confess?*
4. *For what does this lesson lead me to pray?*

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 19:17-30

The Lord of glory was crucified. This happened so that the Word of the Lord might be fulfilled. The horror of what our sins caused can only be overcome by the peace that divine love has brought. "It is finished," and eternal life is ours.

My takeaways:

FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 52:13—53:12

From rejection and violence to death and burial, Isaiah foretells the slaughter of the Lamb of God in striking detail. How these words cut to the heart of repentant sinners as the "tender shoot" is crushed, as the silent Lamb is butchered at the hands of men. Yet we know that it must be so, for by his wounds we are healed. Though his life was poured out into death, he will see the light of life and so shall we. This our eternal hope. Even on Good Friday we worship our Living Lord.

My takeaways:

SECOND LESSON: HEBREWS 4:14-16; 5:7-9

This lesson recalls the first Sunday in our Lenten journey. Our High Priest has been tempted, even to the point of giving up his mission to redeem the world. Yet he was without sin. His perfect obedience is the source of our salvation. As the Father's sacrificial demands are placated we find welcome audience before his throne of grace to help us in our time of need.

My takeaways:

SUPPLEMENTAL FIRST LESSON: GALATIANS 3:10-13

At times the rules and regulations of the law are an addictive drug to the sinful nature as it wallows in self-righteousness. At others these same rules and regulations are limitless borders on the tortured conscience that knows no righteousness. This destructive behavior leads only to complete failure and the curse of the law: eternal death. Yet, freedom from this death sentence is available to all, for Jesus became the curse itself, buying freedom to righteousness and eternal life. This freedom from the curse of the law is ours by faith, won for us through him who was "hung on a tree."

My takeaways:

What major theme(s) connect(s) all the lessons?