

SERMON NOTES ♦ MARCH 15, 2009
On the Road to Denial

SERMON TEXT
Mark 14:53-72 (ESV)

⁵³And they led Jesus to the high priest. And all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together. ⁵⁴And 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. ⁵⁵Now the chief priests and the whole Council were seeking testimony against Jesus to put him to death, but they found none. ⁵⁶For many bore false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree. ⁵⁷And some stood up and bore false witness against him, saying, ⁵⁸“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.’” ⁵⁹Yet even about this their testimony did not agree. ⁶⁰And 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?” ⁶¹But he remained silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?” ⁶²And 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.” ⁶³And the high priest tore his garments and said, “What further witnesses do we need? ⁶⁴You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?” And they all condemned him as deserving death. ⁶⁵And 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.

⁶⁶And as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came, ⁶⁷and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, “You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus.” ⁶⁸But he denied it, saying, “I neither know nor understand what you mean.” And he went out into the gateway and the rooster crowed. ⁶⁹And the servant girl saw him and began again to say to the bystanders, “This man is one of them.” ⁷⁰But again he denied it. And after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, “Certainly you are one of them, for you are a Galilean.” ⁷¹But he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, “I do not know this man of whom you speak.” ⁷²And immediately the rooster crowed a second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him, “Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.” And he broke down and wept.

NOTES

I. Denial #1 and an affirmation...

II. Denial #2 and a second affirmation...

III. Denial #3 and a third affirmation...

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March 15, 2009 ♦ 9:00 A.M. ♦ 3rd Sunday in Lent

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: *Meditation on “Wondrous Love”* arr. Colvin
Christy Floyd

Welcome and Ritual of Friendship Clay Brown
Please complete the Friendship Pad and pass it down your pew for all to sign.
An asterisk (*) marks when those who are able will please stand.
Please turn off your cell phones or place them on “vibrate.”

Minute for Mission John Streb

Call to Worship and Invocation

*Hymn #106: *All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!* CORONATION

Time with the Children Tyler Domske

Call to Confession Fred Coates

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change. Open us to a future in which we will be changed. Grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord; Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Response #34: *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD 100TH
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*Hymn 254: *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* LONESOME VALLEY
First Lesson: Isaiah 53:1-3 Pew Bible, p. 648
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!
Sermon Lesson: Mark 14:53-72 Sermon Notes
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!
Sermon: *On the Road to Denial* Clay Brown

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People and *The Lord's Prayer*
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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *In The Garden* Miles

*Response #688: *We Give Thee but Thine Own* (v. 1) SCHUMANN
We give thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be: all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Scriptural Affirmation of Faith: Philippians 2:5-11
Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*Hymn #261: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* (verses 1-3) HAMBURG

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Opportunities to Serve and Invitation to Discipleship

*Charge and Benediction

*Response #261: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* (verse 4) HAMBURG

*Postlude: *I Will Love Thee, O Lord My Strength* arr. Purvis

If you are our guest today, welcome! We're so glad you're here. For more information on FPC, please indicate your interest on the Friendship Pad and/or take home a "Welcome Home" folder from the Parlor. **You can become a FPC member TODAY** by your profession of faith, transfer of membership, or reaffirmation of faith. Please speak with the pastor in the chancel area following the service.

Large print bulletins are available from the ushers. **Assisted listening devices** are available from the sound console at the back of the sanctuary.

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and in memory of Fred Kann by Esther Kann and children.

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley is our theme hymn for the season of Lent and our sermon series "On the Road to the Cross." We will sing the American spiritual in every Lenten worship service through Palm Sunday. As we sing, may we be reminded of Jesus' journey to the Cross, a journey he undertakes so that we may be forgiven of our sin and reconciled with God.

Recent Prayer Requests: Dave Montgomery, Phil Loftin's brother-in-law; Sible Winebarger; Bemice Mekhor; Anita Teeter; Mac Herring; Don Fair; Holly Lemons' father; Lynne Streetman's parents; Rebecca Auten; Fred Hoke; Mary Voils Aven; Bob Davidson; Terry Stevens; Tip McGee; Cathy Brown's parents; David Ortwein, Ken Bemd's nephew; Martha Andrews; EO3SW Laban Thompson; Scott Knutsen; all those who have recently lost loved ones; those who have lost their jobs recently.

Logos Musical: Everyone is invited to a special evening of theatre, tonight at 7:00 p.m., in the fellowship hall. The Logos Choir will present the musical, *The Tale of Three Trees*. Immediately after the performance, desserts will be served by hostess Jerilyn Fair and members of the Personnel Committee. A nursery for small children will be provided during the musical.

Logos Choir: All Logos choir (grades 1-6) members should plan to arrive at church this evening at 4:30 p.m. for a final rehearsal for the musical. Choir members will have a pizza supper prior to the musical performance.

Logos Trip: Logos choir members and chaperones should plan to arrive at church at 6:00 p.m. this Saturday, March 21, for the Logos Trip. Following pizza supper and rehearsal, the group will travel to Statesville for an overnight stay and a performance of the musical, "The Tale of Three Trees" at Forest Park Presbyterian Church on Sunday, March 22. The group plans to return to Mooresville by 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. The \$30 trip fee is due as soon as possible.

Saints Alive Luncheon: The monthly Saints Alive luncheon (\$4) will be held this Tuesday, March 17, at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Ellen Hinson will be presenting a program relating to Scots-Irish heritage, with information about historic stone markers in NC as well as Standing Stones in Scotland. Come and bring a friend!

Saints Alive Trip: The Saints Alive group is planning a trip to Hemlock Inn in Bryson City, NC, from Tuesday, May 12 through Friday, May 15. Room rates include three nights' lodging, three breakfasts, and three dinners. More information is in the March newsletter, including room rates and deposit information. A discount is available with reservations

made by today, March 15. Please contact Ellen Auten to make a reservation or if you have questions about the trip.

Camp Grier: Dave Cohn, Camp Grier Director, will present a program at the Logos/MSM dinner hour this Wednesday, March 18, at approximately 6:45 p.m. Camp Grier is located in Old Fort, NC, and is sponsored by Salem Presbytery. Summer camping programs are available for children and youth in rising second through twelfth grades, with camping sessions held from June 15 through July 31. Plan to attend this program on Wednesday to learn more about Camp Grier.

Lost & Found: We have a set of keys attached to a Ford keychain (found in the sanctuary about 3 weeks ago.)

Calendar for March 15-22, 2009

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - Early Worship
10:00 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship with Logos Choir
5:30 p.m. - All PYF - No meal
7:00 p.m. - Logos Musical with Dessert

Monday: 7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts
7:00 p.m. - LILR at the Coates' home
7:00 p.m. - Executive Committee

Tuesday: 10:30 a.m. - Exploring Our Reformed Faith group in the library
6:45 p.m. - Underground Bible Study in the Youth Room
7:00 p.m. - Cub Scout Pack 166

Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner
4:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM - *Barnyard* night
5:30 p.m. - HS Supper Club @ Salsaritas
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers' home
6:00 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers

Friday: **Newsletter Deadline**
6:15 p.m. - PYF God Goes to the Movies - *I Am Legend*

Saturday: 6:00 p.m. - Logos Trip until Sunday @ 2:00 p.m.

Sunday 3/22: 9:00 a.m. - Early Worship
10:00 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship
2:00 p.m. - Logos Choir returns
4:00 p.m. - Alpha PYF
5:00 p.m. - Omega PYF
5:30 p.m. - Catechism Club
7:00 p.m. - Session

Save the Dates

- Maundy Thursday Supper and Service - April 9, 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- Good Friday Service and Lunch - April 10, Noon in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall