

From Matthew 27: ⁶² On the next day, which followed the Day of Preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees gathered together to Pilate, ⁶³ saying, “Sir, we remember, while He was still alive, how that deceiver said, ‘After three days I will rise.’” ⁶⁴ Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third day, lest His disciples come by night and steal Him away; and say to the people, ‘He has risen from the dead.’ So the last deception will be worse than the first.” ⁶⁵ Pilate said to them, “You have a guard; go your way, make it as secure as you know how.” ⁶⁶ So they went and made the tomb secure, sealing the stone and setting the guard.

Sunday: What day of the week was the Day of Preparation? Pray for Westminster, Colo., RPC’s Christian education classes and teachers—seven classes from toddlers through high school. **Pray** for Pastor Stephen McCollum and his wife Brenda as they move into the manse at Airdrie (Scotland) RPC. **Pray** for the elders at Geelong (Australia) RPC as they meet tomorrow.

Monday: How should we prepare for the weekly Sabbath? Pray that Ridgefield Park, N.J., RPC becomes bold in their evangelism by the Holy Spirit (Rom. 16:1). **Pray** for the growth of Stranraer (Scotland) RPC. **Pray** for the planned children’s outreach through North Edinburgh (Scotland) RPC today through Friday.

Tuesday: Why should we prepare for the weekly Sabbath? Pray that members of Orlando, Fla., RPC would be thoughtfully aware of those around them. **Pray** for wisdom for the committee of Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery that has been given the tasks of providing counsel to Immanuel (West Lafayette, Ind.) RPC and of researching various issues of denominational disaffiliation. **Pray** for Frankston (Australia) RPC as it seeks to develop relationships with unbelievers in their area, that those relationships would bear gospel fruit.

Wednesday: What were these Jewish religious leaders afraid of? Please pray for God’s rich blessing on two couples from Rochester (East Rochester, N.Y.) RPC who have recently married. **Pray** for Gainesville (Fla.) RP Fellowship, led by Prof. Tom Reid, that it would grow in grace and in numbers.

Thursday: What did Pilate tell them to do? Do detect a hint of sarcasm in what he said? Please pray that the Lord would bless the counseling ministry of Sycamore (Kokomo, Ind.) RPC’s pastor, both in and outside the congregation. **Give thanks** for the young families in Glasgow (Scotland) RPC; **pray** that the congregation would soon have a pastor.

Friday: Do you think that the plan to set a guard over the tomb and seal the stone is going to work? Pray that Marion, Ind., RPC would extend their outreach and influence into the community. **Give thanks** for the increased attendance at Bready (Northern Ireland) RPC. **Pray** for Dromore (Northern Ireland) RPC and that its leaflet and literature distribution would bear fruit.

Saturday: Can you think of foolish attempts by the world to deny the power of God? Praise God for an encouraging increase in enrollment for this year’s

incoming class at Geneva College. **Pray** for the service at ARPC tomorrow, that many would come to worship and would be converted to Christ.

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Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship

John 4:23-24

*The Invocation

*Psalm 106A

“O Praise the Lord! O Thank the Lord!”

Scripture Reading

I Corinthians 12:1-12

*Psalm 9B

“Sing Praise to the Lord Who in Zion Does Dwell”

Pastoral Prayer

*Psalm 84B

“Advancing Still from Strength to Strength”

Scripture Text

Ezra 2

The Sermon

“A List of Temple Rebuilders”

*Prayer

*Psalm 43

“Defend Me, God, and Plead My Case”

*Benediction

*Psalm 134B

“Bless the Lord, All Servants of the Lord”

We are so glad that you could join us today! Please be sure to return next week and bring a friend.

* *Congregation will please stand.*

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions & Answers

“When the Lord brought back the captivity of Zion, we were like those who dream.”—Psalm 126:1. “Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds His people from this time forth and forever.”—Psalm 125:1-2.

Q. 17. Into what estate did the fall bring mankind? A. The fall brought mankind into an estate of sin and misery.

Q. 18. Wherein consists the sinfulness of that estate wherinto man fell, consists in the guilt of Adam’s first sin, the want of original righteousness, and the corruption of his whole nature, which is commonly called original sin; together with all actual transgressions which proceed from it.

Q. 19. What is the misery of that estate wherinto man fell? A. All mankind by their fall lost communion with God, are under his wrath and curse, and so

Theme: Ezra describes those returning from exile to rebuild the Temple.

I. Listing of the People

A. Heading (vv. 1-2a)

B. Laymen (vv. 2b-35)

1. Listing by family (phratry) (vv. 3-20)
2. Listing by towns (vv. 21-35)

C. Clergy (vv. 36-58): priests; Levites; servants

D. Those without pedigree (vv. 59-63)

1. The Jews kept careful records
2. Urim (curses) and Thummim (perfections)

E. The Totals (vv. 64-67)

II. Dedication of the People

A. Gifts for the Temple (vv. 68-69)

1. The amounts: 1,133 pounds of gold; 6,250 of silver
2. The attitude—despite circumstances, gave willingly
3. The cause—to the place where the Temple once stood

B. Settlement in the Land (v. 70)

Application

A. Be sure to appreciate the key nature of families

B. Take note of the roll call of honor

1. Throughout history
2. This record was kept for many important reasons

C. Remember that everyone was involved

1. The priesthood of all believers
2. The gifts of all God’s people are important

Concluding Thoughts

A. The heavenly city is in view (Hebrews 11:16)

B. The Messiah is the key to this text

1. In Him, Zerubbabel and Jeshua meet
2. He came from the people of Bethlehem (Matthew 2)