

Readings from Matthew chapter 24—February 27th-March 5th, 2022

1 Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple. 2 And Jesus said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down." 3 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?" 4 And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. 5 For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. 6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. 7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. 8 All these are the beginning of sorrows. 9 Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. 10 And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another.

Sunday: What do we learn about this temple by reading John 2:13-22? Give thanks for the Education & Publication Board and the members who labor to direct the work of the *RP Witness* and Crown & Covenant Publications. Pray for the ongoing ministry of Reformation Translation Fellowship in Asia.

Monday: What is amazing about Jesus' statement at the end of v. 2? Pray for the elders at Orlando, Fla., RPC as they wisely minister to and competently lead the congregation. Pray for the ministry of Dervock (Northern Ireland) RPC.

Tuesday: What two questions are asked in v. 3? Pray for the Lord to give Lafayette, Ind., RPC hearts that love their unsaved neighbors. Pray for the Kids Club and Girls Group at Airdrie (Scotland) RPC.

Wednesday: Who are some of those who are false Christs? Pray that the Lord would use Orlando, Fla., RPC to minister His love to all those He brings into their lives. Pray for the ordination of Jerry Foltz tonight at Second (Indianapolis) RPC.

Thursday: How can you keep from being deceived? Read I John 4:1-6. Pray for God's provision of a new building for Grace & Truth (Harrisonburg, Va.) RPC; and also for God's provision of officers, that the congregation might become officially organized. Pray for the spring meeting of Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery, which starts this morning.

Friday: Why does the world hate Christians? Pray for the farmers in Washington, Iowa, RPC as they prepare for planting season; pray that the congregation would be bold in sowing the spiritual seeds of the gospel with unbelieving friends, neighbors, and family members. Pray for safety as delegates to the Presbytery travel home starting tomorrow.

Saturday: What are examples of how Christians are hated and despised today?

Pray that the Lord would raise up future church leaders among the young men of Lisbon (Ogdensburg, N.Y.) RPC. Pray for the service at ARPC tomorrow.

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The Lord's Day
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Proclaiming the Kingship of Jesus Christ

Welcome and Announcements
Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions
The Call to Worship Psalm 95:3-5

*The Invocation
*Psalm 94A “God of Vengeance, O Jehovah”

Scripture Reading Matthew 24

*Psalm 1A “O Greatly Blessed is the Man”

Pastoral Prayer
*Psalm 59B [stanzas 7-9] “In All His Lovingkindness Great”

Scripture Text Revelation 6:9-17
The Sermon “The Martyrs’ Cry and Divine Vengeance” (Part 1)

*Prayer
*Psalm 59B [stanzas 10-13] “Destroy Them in Thy Wrath”

*Benediction
*Psalm 134B “Bless the Lord, All Servants of the Lord”

** Congregation will please stand.*

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

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions & Answers

“Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.”—Romans 8:30.

“Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will.”—Ephesians 1:4-5.

Q. 61. *What is forbidden in the fourth commandment?* A. The fourth commandment forbiddeth the omission or careless performance of the duties required, and the profaning the day by idleness, or doing that which is in itself sinful, or by unnecessary thoughts, words or works, about our worldly employments or recreations.

Q. 103. *What do we pray for in the third petition?* A. In the third petition, which is, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven, we pray that God, by his grace, would make us able and willing to know, obey and submit to his will in all things, as the angels do in heaven.

For your convenience, a tithe box is located at the back.

Revelation 6:9-17 Theme: The Lord avenges His people who were put to death because of the Word of God and their testimony.

I. The Fifth Seal

A. The martyrs

1. “And when He broke the fifth seal, I saw”

2. Underneath the altar of sacrifice, where the blood would run

3. The souls of those who had been slain

4. The (immediate) causes—the Word of God; their testimony

B. Their cry

1. They cried in a loud voice

2. “How long?”—literally, “Until when?”

3. “O Lord, holy and true”

4. “wilt Thou not judge and avenge our blood on those on the earth?”

C. Their consolation

1. White robe—given to them (via grace); vestment of righteousness

2. Rest

Application

A. Be prepared for persecution and martyrdom

1. Persecution continues throughout church history

2. Therefore, be prepared for it

a. Be willing to die and suffer for your faith

b. Be knowledgeable about your faith

B. Put your trust in Christ and His righteousness

1. This is the only hope and consolation

2. You must be clothed with His righteousness—imputed to you

3. Salvation is via faith, not works