

From Matthew 26: ³⁶ Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, “Sit here while I go and pray over there.” ³⁷ And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed. ³⁸ Then He said to them, “My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me.” ³⁹ He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You *will*.” ⁴⁰ Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, “What! Could you not watch with Me one hour? ⁴¹ Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak.” ⁴² Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done.” ⁴³ And He came and found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy.

Sunday: What is Gethsemane? Pray for families at Living Way (Bryan, Tex.) RPC to be strengthened in faith. **Give thanks** for the installation of James Fraser as an elder at Stranraer (Scotland) RPC and **pray** for other elders and deacons to be raised up.

Monday: Who were the two sons of Zebedee? Read Matthew 4:21; 20:20-24; Mark 3:17; John 19:25; 21:2. Pray for the development of local leadership (potential ruling elders) as well as the raising up of a pastor/church planter for Houston (Pearland, Tex.) RPC. **Pray** for those churches, particularly in Europe, that are ministering to Ukrainian refugees; **pray** for an end to the war in Ukraine.

Tuesday: Why was Jesus sorrowful and deeply distressed? Pray for the elderly at Rose Point (New Castle, Pa.) RPC, especially those unable to be out and about as they once were. **Pray** for the team doing practical work in Nantes, France, this week. **Pray** for Zach Dotson as he preaches at a congregation where he’s been called as pastor in the Australian state of Tasmania; **pray** for protection from government tyranny.

Wednesday: What was the cup from which Jesus must drink? Please pray for the new communicant members of Eastvale (Beaver Falls, Pa.) RPC as well as those who have left. **Pray** for Gateway (Derry, Northern Ireland) RPC which has been discouraged through the loss of a couple of families. **Pray** for the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Canada, which is now established as a separate branch of the worldwide church; **pray** for the growth of its congregations and for encouragement.

Thursday: Why was Jesus willing to drink from that cup? Pray for fruit in the neighborhood around Elkins Park, Pa., RPC, and for friends from school and sports teams. **Pray** for Andrew Stewart, teaching online at Kobe (Japan) Theological Hall.

Friday: What does it mean to watch and pray? Pray with Sharon (Morning Sun, Iowa) RPC that Pastor Schneider’s web presence would continue to honor God and minister to the lonely, the shut-in, and to the persecuted in other nations. **Pray** for McKinnon (Australia) RPC as it presents the gospel to neighbors and friends. **Pray** for the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Pakistan, India, and South America.

Saturday: Why were the disciples sleeping? Praise the Lord for the faculty and staff at RPTS— many who are new—and for the love they have for the Lord and for each other as they serve together in the ministry of the seminary. **Pray** for Galway (Ireland) RPC, whose pulpit is vacant. **Pray** for the service at Atlanta RPC tomorrow, that many would come and respond positively to the message.

Atlanta Reformed Presbyterian Church

The Lord’s Day
July 17, 2022

Meeting every week at
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(corner of Western and Walnut Street)
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Worship at 3:30 PM

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Proclaiming the Kingship of Jesus Christ

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship

Isaiah 55:6-7

*The Invocation

*Psalm 106A

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

Scripture Reading

John 4:1-30

*Psalm 5B

“O Jehovah, Hear My Words”

Pastoral Prayer

*Psalm 40C

“O Lord My God”

Scripture Text

Luke 15:1-10

The Sermon

“The Lost Coin”

*Psalm 145B

“Jehovah Very Gracious Is”

*Prayer

*Benediction

*Psalm 150B

“Praise the Lord! Praise God in His Sanctuary”

** 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

“Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it. Except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.”—Psalm 127:1.

“And one cried unto another and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.”—Isaiah 6:3.

Q. 5. Are there more Gods than one? A. There is but one only, the living and true God.

Q. 6. How many persons are there in the Godhead? A. There are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

Q. 7. What are the decrees of God? A. The decrees of God are, his eternal purpose, according to the counsel of his will, whereby, for his own glory, he hath foreordained whatsoever comes to pass.

Q. 8. How doth God execute his decrees? A. God executeth his decrees in the works of creation and providence.

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“The Lost Coin”

God’s diligent search for a lost, lowly sinner results in great joy.

Introduction

A. There’s a cumulative emphasis on joy, contra a lack of joy

B. The particular parable

1. God takes pleasure in the rescue/recovery of sinners
2. Emphasis on God’s ownership and divine jealousy

I. Lost Sinner

A. Sinner

1. Broad, universal application—Romans 3:23; Jer. 17:9
2. Specifically—these “sinners” are stamped w/ God’s image

B. Lost

1. Lost in reference to God
2. The coin is not in its proper place

II. God’s Diligent Search

A. The diligence

1. The description
2. Redemption accomplished and applied

B. The reasons for the diligent search

1. The lost sinner belongs to God
2. The coin is part of a complete set
3. The sinner is important to God

III. Great Joy

A. “Joy”—angels; anthropathism; anthropomorphism

B. Successful recovering what is His own

1. Divine joy
2. Zephaniah 3; Isaiah 62:5

Application

A. Remember God’s sovereignty

B. Acknowledge the worth of every human being

C. Be engaged in stewardship and Christian service