

From Matthew 26: ¹⁴ Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵ and said, “What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?” And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶ So from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him. ¹⁷ Now on the first *day of the Feast* of the Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying to Him, “Where do You want us to prepare for You to eat the Passover?” ¹⁸ And He said, “Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, “My time is at hand; I will keep the Passover at your house with My disciples.”’” ¹⁹ So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them; and they prepared the Passover. ²⁰ When evening had come, He sat down with the twelve. ²¹ Now as they were eating, He said, “Assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me.” ²² And they were exceedingly sorrowful, and each of them began to say to Him, “Lord, is it I?” ²³ He answered and said, “He who dipped *his* hand with Me in the dish will betray Me. ²⁴ The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born.” ²⁵ Then Judas, who was betraying Him, answered and said, “Rabbi, is it I?” He said to him, “You have said it.”

Sunday: Read Exodus 21:32 and Zechariah 11:12-13. What is the significance of 30 pieces of silver? **Pray** that the Lord would lift the burdened hands of Sycamore (Kokomo, Ind.) RPC’s pastor as he has a large counseling ministry. **Pray** for the growth of Stornoway (Scotland) RPC.

Monday: Read Exodus 12:15-20. What comes right after the Feast of Unleavened Bread? **Pray** that North Hills (Pittsburgh, Pa.) RPC would grow in wholehearted devotion and service to the Lord and to each other. **Pray** for Sparta (Ill.) RPC. **Pray** that our nation would discover the true liberty that is found in Jesus Christ.

Tuesday: What does leaven symbolize? **Pray** for the continued strengthening of the Houston (Pearland, Tex.) RPC core group, and for the adherents to pursue membership. **Pray** for the missions team at Frankston (Australia) RPC.

Wednesday: What does Passover commemorate? **Give thanks** for the adult Sabbath school class at Rose Point (New Castle, Pa.) RPC, which just finished a video series presented by Dr. Sinclair Ferguson on Basics of the Christian Life led by Dr. Richard Talbert. **Pray** for the 3000 homes that received a Gospel of John distributed by Airdrie (Scotland) RPC; **pray** that there would be converts and disciples as a result.

Thursday: Should we examine ourselves as to whether we are traitors to Christ? **Pray** that the Lord would bless Manchester (New Kensington, Pa.) RPC’s outreach to their communities through Bible studies, a flea market, and personal contacts. **Pray** for the missions team at McKinnon (Australia) RPC.

Friday: Read Psalm 41:9. How is that verse fulfilled here? **Pray** for Eastvale (Beaver Falls, Pa.) RPC’s children’s Sunday school classes; **praise the Lord** for these children, and **pray** that they will grow to love and serve the Lord. **Pray** for those of our flock with various health needs.

Saturday: What is a rabbi? **Pray** that those who were raised in Sharon (Morning Sun, Iowa) RPC and live in close proximity would feel God’s calling to return. **Pray** for the service at Atlanta RPC tomorrow.

Atlanta Reformed Presbyterian Church

The Lord’s Day
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Worship at 3:30 PM

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Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship

Isaiah 55:1

*The Invocation

*Psalm 149 “O Praise the Lord! O Sing Aloud a New Song to the Lord!”

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Exodus 20:1-17

*Psalm 3

“O Lord, How are My Foes Increased!”

Pastoral Prayer

*Psalm 119R

“Thy Testimonies I Observe”

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The Sermon

“Bible Meditation”

*Psalm 119B

“How Shall a Young Man Cleanse His Way?”

*Prayer

*Benediction

*Psalm 118C [stanzas 14-17]

“This is the Day the Lord Has Made”

* *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

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,’ says the Lord, ‘who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.’”—*Revelation 1:8*. “And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them and said, ‘Take, eat; this is My body.’”—*Mark 14:22*. “Thanks be unto God for His indescribable gift!”—*II Corinthians 9:15*.

Q. 3 *What do the Scriptures principally teach?* A. The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

Q. 4 *What is God?* A. God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

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.

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

Psalm 119:15 Theme: The psalmist vows to meditate on God’s Word.

I. What?

A. Various terms used in Psalm 119

1. Law (*tora*)—law and revelation
2. Testimonies (*eedote*)—Deuteronomy 31:26
3. Precepts (*piqqudeem*)—an overseer, who takes action; details
4. Statutes (*huqqim*)—binding force and permanence; like laws “engraved”/inscribed (Isaiah 30:8)
5. Commandments (*miswote*)—straight authority
6. Ordinances (*mispeitim*)—“judgments”; common situations
7. Word (*dabar*)—related to “speech”; most general term
8. Promise (*imra*)—related to “words”; derived from verb “to say”
9. Other terms: “ways”; “Thy name”; Thy faithfulness”

B. Nature of Scripture

1. Human—written by men in human language
2. Divine—the Word of the Lord; awesome
3. Inspired—*theopneustos* (God-breathed); plenary; verbal
4. Inerrant and infallible

II. How?

A. Meditating—chewing it over (Psalm 1)

1. Read all the various parts of Scripture
2. Understand how these parts of Scripture fit together
3. Themes: God, man, creation, providence, sin, salvation, covenant
4. Basic rules of interpretation: Scripture interprets itself; read obscure passages in light of clear; pay attention to genre and context

B. Wholeheartedly—“with all my heart”; and with rejoicing

III. Where? In an alien and hostile world

IV. Why?

A. Because it is God’s Word

B. Liberation—freedom comes only in service to God

C. Light—to walk by, not to bask in (vv. 105, 130)

D. Life—“cause me to live; revive me”

E. Stability

Application

A. Bible reading is absolutely essential for the Christian—so, do it!

B. Realize that life is to be found in the Living Word come in the flesh

1. All of Scripture points to Christ and breathes of Him and the Spirit
2. Jesus mediated on God’s Word, as our example and on our behalf