

From Matthew 27: ²⁰ But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitudes that they should ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. ²¹ The governor answered and said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release to you?” They said, “Barabbas!” ²² Pilate said to them, “What then shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all said to him, “Let Him be crucified!” ²³ Then the governor said, “Why, what evil has He done?” But they cried out all the more, saying, “Let Him be crucified!” ²⁴ When Pilate saw that he could not prevail at all, but rather *that* a tumult was rising, he took water and washed *his* hands before the multitude, saying, “I am innocent of the blood of this just Person. You see *to it*.” ²⁵ And all the people answered and said, “His blood *be* on us and on our children.” ²⁶ Then he released Barabbas to them; and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered *Him* to be crucified.

Sunday: Can you think of any other examples in Scripture of a conspiracy by leaders against the Lord? (Hint: read Psalm 2.) Pray for a couple core members at Treasure Valley (Meridian, Ida.) RPC who have unsteady health, that they would be sustained and encouraged. Pray for the ministry of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in India and Pakistan, including, for protection from persecution. Pray that there would be fruit from the great literature distribution in Lisburn, Northern Ireland.

Monday: Can you think of any examples historically of religious and/or political leaders stirring up crowds to do wicked deeds? Pray for the continued growth of OKC (Oklahoma City, Okla.) RPC in unity, fellowship, discipleship, and love for the Lord. Pray for the young adults at Geelong (Australia) RPC, that they would increase in their love for Christ and in their understanding of the Word of God.

Tuesday: What is crucifixion? What is scourging? Pray for Crown & Covenant Publications as they continue to look for proper staffing for their shipping needs; pray that God’s Spirit would bless the printed materials as they are received in homes and churches. Pray for the Central Geelong Fellowship Group (Australia) as it meets this week, that the participants would grow in the Word. Pray for the growth of the Stornoway (Scotland) RPC.

Wednesday: Why did Pilate decide to crucify Jesus? Pray for Elkhart, Ind., RPC the Lord’s enabling guidance in order to implement fall ministry plans. Give thanks for the new RP Canadian Presbyterian, and pray for protection from persecution. Pray for the widespread distribution of gospel literature through Airdrie (Scotland) RPC.

Thursday: What was the testimony of Pilate with regard to Jesus? Pray that Denison, Kan., RPC would grow in their love for one another. Pray that only those politicians who believe in Jesus and publicly bow the knee to Him would be elected.

Friday: Was Pilate able to be free of the blood of Jesus by washing his hands in front of the mob? Pray that Lafayette, Ind., RPC would have an ever-increasing zeal to follow Christ. Pray that McKinnon (Australia) RPC would have many opportunities to share the gospel. Pray for the work day tomorrow at Atlanta RPC, that everyone would be kept safe and that much would be accomplished.

Saturday: How has v. 25 been fulfilled throughout history? Join in thanking the Lord, along with Orlando, Fla., RPC, for His remarkable and transforming written Word. Pray for the service at Atlanta RPC tomorrow, that many would attend and that many would come to have a genuine faith in Christ.

Atlanta Reformed Presbyterian Church

The Lord’s Day
September 11, 2022

Meeting every week at
574 Western Avenue
(corner of Western and Walnut Street)
Atlanta, Georgia
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

15:20

*The Invocation

*Psalm 65A

Scripture Reading

*Psalm 8A

Pastoral Prayer

*Psalm 76A

Scripture Text

The Sermon

*Prayer

*Psalm 1A

*Benediction

*Psalm 134B

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

“But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.”—*John 1:12.*

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”—*1 John 1:9.*

Q. 12. *What special act of providence did God exercise toward man in the estate wherein he was created?* A. When God had created man, he entered into a covenant of life with him, upon condition of perfect obedience; forbidding him to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, upon the pain of death.

Q. 13. *Did our first parents continue in the estate wherein they were created?* A. Our first parents, being left to the freedom of their own will, fell from the estate wherein they were created, by sinning against God.

Q. 14. *What is sin?* A. Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God.

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The prophet promises vindication of God’s people amidst the certain judgment of all the nations in the valley of decision.

I. Complaint Against the Nations

A. who is in view?

1. particular nations mentioned (vv. 4, 19)
2. “all nations”; “the Gentiles”; “all heathen”

B. attacks on Israel

1. the nations scattered the people of God (v. 2)
2. they treated them despicably (v. 3)
3. they sold them into slavery (v. 6)

C. attacks on the God of Israel (v. 5)

1. stealing God’s silver and gold
2. taking those goods into the temples of false gods

II. Judgment of the Nations

A. Recompense

1. God will bring again the captivity of Judah (vv. 1, 7)
2. God promises justice, swiftly and speedily (vv. 4, 8)

B. call to the seat of judgment

1. God will plead with the nations for His people (v. 2)
2. Call to battle [as if to say, “Do your worst!”]
3. Call to the judgment seat
4. The judgment pronounced

Application

- A. Praise God for His judgments
- B. Are you prepared for the great Day of Judgment?

1. Have you repented of your sin and put your trust in Christ?
2. Do you look forward to Jesus' coming again?
3. Are you able to rejoice in God's just judgments?