

**From Matthew 27:** <sup>35</sup> Then they crucified Him, and divided His garments, casting lots, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet: "They divided My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots." <sup>36</sup> Sitting down, they kept watch over Him there. <sup>37</sup> And they put up over His head the accusation written against Him: THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS. <sup>38</sup> Then two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and another on the left. <sup>39</sup> And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads <sup>40</sup> and saying, "You who destroy the temple and build *it* in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross." <sup>41</sup> Likewise the chief priests also, mocking with the scribes and elders, said, <sup>42</sup> "He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He is the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him. <sup>43</sup> He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now if He will have Him; for He said, 'I am the Son of God.'" <sup>44</sup> Even the robbers who were crucified with Him reviled Him with the same thing.

**Sunday: In which psalm do we find the quotation found in v. 35? Please pray** for Elkhart, Ind., RPC as they look to the Lord to raise up more laborers and eldershipers. **Pray** for the Reformed Presbyterian congregations with vacant pulpits.

**Monday: How does what happened in v. 35 contribute to Jesus' suffering?** **Pray** for God to raise up both deacons and elders at OKC (Oklahoma City, Okla.) RPC. **Pray** for the children and young people at Cullybackey (Northern Ireland) RPC.

**Tuesday: What does it mean to blaspheme? What examples of blasphemy in Scripture and/or history can you think of? Pray** for Crown & Covenant Publications staff as they navigate supply-chain issues and extended manufacturing issues related to the pandemic; books are taking significantly longer to produce, and not all materials and processes are available. **Pray** that Canada and various European countries would repent of putting people to death under their euthanasia policies.

**Wednesday: Could Jesus have come down from the cross? Why did He remain on the cross? Pray** for continued financial well-being of the Reformed Presbyterian Home. **Pray** for the growth of Stranraer (Scotland) RPC. **Pray** that the summer literature distribution from Woodstock (Northern Ireland) RPC would result in fruit; and **pray** that the weekly street ministry would be blessed. **Pray** for Ballyclabber (Northern Ireland) RPC. **Pray** for wisdom as Atlanta RPC seeks to renovate the church building, and that these renovations could be done quickly.

**Thursday: How is Jesus' three-fold office of priest, prophet, and king mocked in v. 41? Please pray** for deepening relationships among Stillwater, Okla., RPC, that members could bear one another's burdens with more and more Christlikeness. **Pray** for the congregational meeting at Immanuel (West Lafayette, Ind.) RPC tomorrow.

**Friday: Can you be a Christian and deny that Jesus is truly God? Pray** for fruit as members of Bloomington, Ind., RPC volunteer at a local Christian-run homeless ministry. **Pray** for the growth of Stornoway (Scotland) RPC. **Pray** for Grace and Truth (Harrisonburg, Va.) RPC and its organizational service tomorrow.

**Saturday: What happened to one of those thieves while he was hanging on the cross? Read Luke 23:39-43. Pray** for fruit from Grace (Gibsonia, Pa.) RPC's annual outreach event at the Mars Applefest today. **Pray** that many folks would come to Sunday School and worship at Atlanta RPC tomorrow.

# Atlanta Reformed Presbyterian Church

*The Lord's Day  
September 25, 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

Psalms 122:1

\*The Invocation

\*Psalm 98 “Sing Praise to the Lord Who in Zion Does Dwell”

Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 35

\*Psalm 8A

“O Lord, Our Lord, in All the Earth”

Pastoral Prayer

\*Psalm 75 [tune: Amazing Grace]

“To Thee, O God, We Render Thanks”

Scripture Text

Obadiah

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“The Vision of Obadiah” (Part 1)

\*Prayer

\*Psalm 137

“By Babel’s Streams We Sat and Wept”

\*Benediction

\*Psalm 72C [stanzas 11-12]

“Now Blessed Be Our God Alone”

\* *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

**“And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.”—Hebrews 9:27.**

**“For our God is a consuming fire.”—Hebrews 12:29.**

**“The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.”—Psalm 9:17.**

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

**Q. 15. What was the sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created? A.** The sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created, was their eating the forbidden fruit.

**Q. 16. Did all mankind fall in Adam’s first transgression? A.** The covenant being made with Adam, not only for himself, but for his posterity; all mankind, descending from him by ordinary generation, sinned in him, and fell with him, in his first transgression.

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

The prophet proclaims the destruction of proud Edom and the ultimate exaltation of the house of Jacob.

I. Sins

A. Pride (vv. 3-4)

B. Cruelty to God’s people (vv. 10-14)

1. Thy brother Jacob
2. Violence (v. 10)
3. Enslavement (v. 11)
4. Jeering (v. 12)
5. Kicking them while down (vv. 13-14)
6. Be careful with whom you associate!

II. Judgment

A. The Lord’s determination

1. Rumor from the Lord
2. Employing the nations against Edom

B. Certain success in this war

1. Edom is small and greatly despised (v. 2)
2. Retribution against the pride (vv. 3-4)
3. Illustrations (v. 5)
4. Exclamations (vv. 5-6): how art thou cut off!
5. Betrayal by former allies (v. 7)
6. Destruction of wise men (v. 8)
7. Destruction of mighty men (v. 9)
8. Total annihilation (v. 10): covered with shame

C. Manifestation of vengeance (vv. 15-16)

1. There will be a payback—a “reward”
2. The cup of affliction will be drunk by the heathen

Application

- A. Beware: pride goes before a fall
1. Pride is self-deceiving
  2. Pride is a sticky trap from which escape is difficult

B. Be careful what judgments you impose on others (Mt. 7:1-2)

C. Be committed to Christ as the deliverer from judgment