



GRACE CHURCH GREENWICH

Sunday 4th October 2020
Physical Morning Service at 10:30am

&

Online Service at 4pm
(Online Sunday School at 3.30pm)

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WELCOME

"...you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"
John 19:49b (ESV)

SONG: Ancient of Days

CONFESSION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
We have sinned against you
And against our fellow men,
In thought and word and deed,
In the evil we have done
And in the good we have not done,
Through ignorance, through weakness,
Through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
Forgive us all that is past;
And grant that we may serve you in newness of life
To the glory of your name. Amen.

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NOTICES & BREAK

CONGREGATIONAL READING:

To the choirmaster: according to The Doe of the Dawn.
A Psalm of David.

Leader: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
All: **Why are you so far from saving me,
From the words of my groaning?**
Leader: O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,
All: **And by night, but I find no rest.**
Leader: For dogs encompass me;
All: **A company of evildoers encircles me;**
Leader: They have pierced my hands and feet—
All: **I can count all my bones—**
Leader: They stare and gloat over me;
All: **They divide my garments among them,
And for my clothing they cast lots.**

Psalm 22:1-2, 16-18

CONGREGATIONAL READING:

To the choirmaster: according to Lilies. Of David.

Leader: Save me, O God!
For the waters have come up to my neck.
All: **I sink in deep mire,
Where there is no foothold;**
Leader: I have come into deep waters,
And the flood sweeps over me.
All: **I am weary with my crying out;
My throat is parched.**
Leader: My eyes grow dim
All: **With waiting for my God.**
Leader: You know my reproach
And my shame and my dishonor;
All: **My foes are all known to you.**
Leader: Reproaches have broken my heart,
So that I am in despair.
All: **I looked for pity, but there was none,
And for comforters, but I found none.**
Leader: They gave me poison for food,
All: **And for my thirst
They gave me sour wine to drink**

Psalm 69:1-3, 19-21

READING: John 19:16b-30

SERMON

PRAYERS

SONG: Come thou long expected Jesus

BLESSING

Optional Q&A at 5.15pm at www.greenwich.church/live

Next Sunday 11th October
John 19:30-37

What if Jesus' death was planned?

John 19:16b-30



So they took Jesus,¹⁷ and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The

Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha.¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them.¹⁹ Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews."²⁰ Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek.

²¹ So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The

King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" ²² Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

²³ When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom,²⁴ so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfil the Scripture which says, "They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots." So the soldiers did these things,

²⁵ but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's

sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfil the Scripture), "I thirst."²⁹ A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. ³⁰ When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit

"The King of the Jews"?

1) Jesus' rejection was *predicted*

- they cast lots for his clothing (Psalm 22)
- they gave him vinegar to drink (Psalm 69)

2) Jesus' rejection reminds us of King David

3) Jesus' rejection won't be the end of the story

¹³ The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. ¹⁵ And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

¹⁸ So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰ The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹ But he was speaking about the temple of his body. ²² When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Postscript: this is the best kind of King

COFFEE QUESTIONS

How do the specific predictions about Jesus' death convince you that he is God's King? Or how else do you explain them?

What do you find attractive about Jesus in this passage compared to other leaders and politicians?

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