



Sunday 13th September 2020

Online Service at 4pm

(Sunday School at 3.30pm)

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WELCOME (Andrew S)

*"But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners,
Christ died for us."
Romans 5:8 (ESV)*

SONG: Rescuer (Sam J and All)

CHILDREN'S TALK (Nathan K)

CONFESSION (All)

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 (Andrew S)

OPTIONAL CHAT IN BREAKOUT GROUPS

CONGREGATIONAL READING (All)

Leader: For while we were still weak,
All: **At the right time Christ died for the ungodly**
Leader: For one will scarcely die for a righteous person
All: **Though perhaps for a good person
One would dare even to die**
Leader: But God shows his love for us
All: **In that while we were still sinners,
Christ died for us.**

Romans 5:6-8

READING: John 18:12-27 (Philip M)

SERMON (Andrew L)

PRAYERS (Janise T)

SONG: Jesus, thank you (Sam J and All)

BLESSING (Andrew S)

OPTIONAL CHAT IN BREAKOUT GROUPS

OPTIONAL Q&A

*Next Sunday 20th September
John 18:28-40*

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When our best is not enough

John 18:12-27



So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him. ¹³ First they led him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. ¹⁴ It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people.

¹⁵ Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, ¹⁶ but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who

kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in. ¹⁷ The servant girl at the door said to Peter, “You also are not one of this man's disciples, are you?” He said, “I am not.” ¹⁸ Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

¹⁹ The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. ²⁰ Jesus answered him, “I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. ²¹ Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me what I said to them; they know what I said.” ²² When he had said these

things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, “Is that how you answer the high priest?” ²³ Jesus answered him, “If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike me?” ²⁴ Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

²⁵ Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, “You also are not one of his disciples, are you?” He denied it and said, “I am not.” ²⁶ One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, “Did I not see you in the garden with him?” ²⁷ Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.

What about when our best is not enough?

1. The raw commitment route is a dead-end

2. ...but Jesus laid down his life for failures

COFFEE QUESTIONS

- Do you ever slip into thinking that the Christian life is mainly about you laying down your life for Jesus? In what ways does that attitude show itself?
- The wonderful news that John's gospel teaches us is that actually the Christian life is mainly about remembering that Jesus laid down his life for us! How can we keep this perspective front and centre?