

Sermon Summary for 21st October, 2018

"JESUS' SUPREME TEST"

Psalm 42: 5-11; Mark 14: 27-42 (Rev. Mrs. Agnes Phillips)

A test is any critical trial; an event that serves to prove the worth of something or someone. Jesus' mission on this earth was prophesied centuries before his birth. An angel told Joseph, husband of Mary, "...and you are to give him the name Jesus because he will save his people from their sins." (Matt.2:21b). Throughout his earthly life, Jesus never lost sight of what he had come to do.

As the Passover approached, Jesus knew the time had come for him to fulfill his mission on earth and after the Last Supper he headed to the Mount of Olives with his disciples. Knowing the time for his arrest was near, he quoted from Zechariah 13:7 that, the Shepherd (he himself) will be stricken and the sheep (his disciples) will be scattered. Then Jesus added something very significant, "But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee" (Mark 14:28). Jesus did not end with the prediction of his death. Rather he spoke of his resurrection. **This teaches us that the Saviour's life did not end in death but in a resurrection. Similarly, the life of a Christian, lived in obedience to God, will not end in humiliation and death but rather in eternal life—eternal glory.**

Peter's boast that he will never abandon his Master and was even prepared to die for him, showed that determination is not the same as action. **Self - confidence, (the arm of flesh) will fail us, because at the critical time, our human resolve will crumble. Our ultimate confidence must be in God alone.**

The eleven disciples, including the three in his inner circle, Peter James and John, were to keep Jesus company at his time of extreme sorrow and loneliness. Ys38, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death," Jesus said. Our Lord was caught in the throes of deep depression, and he needed human company. Depression can attack anybody, regardless of their level of spirituality. In times of sorrow and depression, don't bear your burden alone. Seek human company; friends on whom you can call to share your burden. **So have friends—close friends and be a friend to others. Don't neglect Christian Fellowship.**

Jesus moved further from his three sleeping disciples and fell prostrate before his Father. He knew that ultimate help will come from God. **So, in addition to seeking human presence, seek, above all, Divine presence.** When the Psalmist's soul got downcast, (Psalm 42:5,11) he said "put your hope in the Lord." God is always there for us. Again, Jesus told his disciples to "watch and pray so you do not enter into temptation". Like our Master, we Christians fight against principalities and powers. **We must keep alert, and always be on our guard.** Under overpowering stress, Jesus wrestled in agonizing prayer, petitioning God to spare him the shame and agony of the cross. But he was willing to put his will and preferences aside and accomplish his Father's plan. Luke 22:43 &44 says an angel came from heaven to strengthen him. When he told his disciples, "Rise, let's go", Jesus had passed his supreme test. He had put his references aside, submitted fully to his Father's plan for human salvation and there was no turning back. **When you stand at the cross-roads of life, when you wrestle in prayer, and are willing to put self-will, self-preservation and self-interest aside, and do God's will wherever it leads, heaven itself will answer you, and you will receive empowerment from the very throne of God!!** Jesus' supreme test was a test of obedience, which is the ultimate test of love. One day, you and I will face our supreme test. May we choose the right and reject the wrong, no matter how appealing the latter is. May we never exchange our Lord for 30 pieces of silver, may our response be total obedience, ultimate love. May we be 'faithful unto death and receive the crown of life.' **Amen**

QUESTIONS FOR INTERACTIVE SUNDAY

Members who have questions concerning the Book of Judges, Gospel of Mark or any Sermon topic are encouraged to send them via email (licadmin@licfamily.org.gh) to the Church Office latest by

Sunday, 11th November. This is in preparation towards the next Interactive Service scheduled to take place on Sunday, 2nd December, 2018.

This Week's Prayer Topics

✠ Pray and give thanks to the Lord: For His goodness and preservation to this day. Thank Him for all the families in LIC, and for His provision and protection (Ps. 103:1-5; Ps. 6:5)

✠ Pray for all pregnant women: that the Lord will protect both mother and child to term. Pray also for all who are believing God for a child, that He will supply their every need and keep them from getting anxious (Ex. 23:26; Rom. 8:32; Ps. 112:10)

✠ Pray into the month of November: Ask the Lord to go ahead of you and make your paths straight. Pray that He will teach you what He has in this month for you and that your ears would be opened to hear only His voice (Isa. 26:7; Isa. 48:17-18; Prov. 3:6)

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

- Oct. 28: Ms. Ivy Kukuwaa Sagoe
- Oct. 29: Mr. Philip Afari Baah
- Oct. 29: Mr. Paul Ekow Baiden
- Oct. 29: Mrs. Vida Sena Odei
- Oct. 30: Mrs. Marie-Antoinette Panford
- Oct. 30: Mr. Kofi Anani Aggor
- Oct. 31: Ms. Nana Ama Frimpong
- Oct. 31: Master Leslie Kekeli A. Kumaga
- Oct. 31: Mr. Daniel Boadu Opoku
- Nov. 01: Nii Armah Shidaa Aryee
- Nov. 01: Mr. Acquah Baffour
- Nov. 01: Miss Yaa Asiedua Ansa-Koi
- Nov. 01: Mr. John Ohene Delong
- Nov. 01: Miss Leanne Kankam-Boadu
- Nov. 02: Mrs. Janice Nsarkoh-Norman
- Nov. 02: Mrs. Patience Opoku
- Nov. 02: Ms. Gloria Amfo-Asamoah
- Nov. 02: Ms. Naa Kaaley M. Addo
- Nov. 03: Ms. Abena Agyemang Gyasi
- Nov. 03: Dr. (Mrs.) Ruth Bernice Adigbo

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- Oct 28: Mawuko & Nana Asantewaa Afadzinu
- Oct. 29: Patrick & Jessica Zeal
- Oct. 29: Mr. and Mrs. Kwaku Sekyi - Aidoo
- Oct. 30: Kwabena & Ruth Opoku
- Nov. 01: Kakra & Akosua Fredua-Agyeman

BIBLE STUDY LEADERS' & ASSISTANTS' MEETING — THIS WEEK!

All Bible Study Leaders and Assistants are reminded of their meeting with the Coordinators at 6.30pm on **WEDNESDAY, 31st Oct. and Thursday, 1st Nov.** Please prepare **Lesson 13** (The Book of Judges) **BEFORE** the meeting.

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TO

LEGON INTERDENOMINATIONAL CHURCH SUNDAY, 28TH OCTOBER, 2018



**Influencing Generations
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LIC: SAVED TO SERVE!

The Council of Elders and Pastors heartily welcome you to God's House this Sunday morning: Akwaaba!

YEAR'S THEME: "THE MISSION OF JESUS - A CALL TO PARTNERSHIP"

FIRST SERVICE: 7:00AM TO 9:00AM

BIBLE STUDY (NOT OPTIONAL): 9:15AM TO 10:15AM ON SUNDAYS

SECOND SERVICE: 10:30AM TO 12:30PM

SUNDAY, 28TH OCTOBER, 2018

Officiant for 1st Service: Prof. Mrs. Regina Appiah-Opong
Officiant for 2nd Service: Dr. Maureen Iheanacho

Sermon Topic: "Jesus the King is arrested and tried"
Preacher: Rev. Julius D. Coomson

Lectors for 1st Service: Mr. Kwadwo Otu Addae and Mrs. Alberta Adukor-Asola
Lectors for 2nd Service: Ms. Naa Karley Addo and Mr. Fred Buame

Notices for both Services: Mr. Kofi-Kakraba Afful

Scripture Passages: **2 Samuel 16: 5 - 13 and Mark 14: 43 - 65**

Opening Hymn: "To God be the glory"
Song Ministrations by: Abigail & Akweley | Sawyerr & Friends
Closing Hymn: "Something for Thee"

REFLECTION: Their worst, His plan

Under the cover of darkness, the Light was betrayed by one of His very own. The court sat in search of untruth to condemn the Truth. The Way was led along the way that the worst criminals walk to a gruesome death. Out of hatred and anger, men did their worst to accomplish God's best plan of all time. When faced with injustice, imitate Jesus because unknown to your accusers, they are only working hard to accomplish God's glorious plan for your life. — JNA (Oct. - 2018)

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE IN THE LIC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Sign-up if you are an LIC member and have love for children. You will be trained in the skills required. Kindly pick up a Form from the Church Office for this purpose.

NEXT SUNDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER, 2018

Officiant for 1st Service: Mr. Theo Aryee
Officiant for 2nd Service: Prof. Esther Sakyi-Dawson

Sermon Topic: "I don't know this Man!"
Preacher: Rev. Dr. Femi B. Adeleye

Lectors for 1st Service: Mr. Kwabena Boateng and Mrs. Monica Senanu
Lectors for 2nd Service: Mrs. Juliana Asante-Dartey and Mr. Jonathan Ntsiful

Scripture Passages: **Psalms 41: 7 - 13 and Mark 14: 66 - 72**

Notices for 1st Service: Ms. Phoebe Washington-Nortey
Notices for 2nd Service: Mrs. Genevieve Parker-Twum



Activity for 28th October, 2018

EVANGELISM

Leaders: Adom Adu-Amoani; Lois Appiah-Opong; Daniel Darkey

Time is 4:00pm @ LIC

Visitors' Reception for NOVEMBER, 2018

1st: Ms. Cecilia Adjei; Mrs. F. Washington-Nortey

2nd: Dr. E. Sinayobye; Dr. Awo Asiedu

MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMMES FOR 2019

All Ministry and Area Fellowship leaders are requested to forward to the Church Administrator their planned Programme of Activities for 2019; for scrutiny and approval. Please note that this precedes the annual budget process. **Deadline: THIS WEDNESDAY, 31st October, 2018**

BABY DEDICATION

Members are reminded that there will be Baby Dedication on **Sunday, 11th November**. All who wish to have their babies dedicated should kindly visit the Church Office to fill a form.

Deadline: Wednesday, 7th November, 2018.

Are you a student or national service person, seeking to deepen your relationship with God? ...then sign up for **ONE** of the Week-days LIC Discipleship sessions. Monday to Friday: 3-4pm (Level 100); 4-5pm (Continuing Students); 6:30-8pm on Thursdays (Medical Students and National Service personnel). You don't need to be an LIC member to join. Call 0241487506 for more details.

SUNDAY, 28TH OCTOBER, 2018

Mr. Charles MacCarthy (0244-353522)
Dr. George T-M. Kwadzo (020-8161624)

Mr. Theo Aryee (0204-315133)
Mr. Samuel Owusu Yeboah (0504441114)

ELDERS ON DUTY

Reception

Dr. Mrs. Eureka Ahadjie Adomako (0244-281821)
Mr. Kwadwo Otu Addae (0243-367611)

Counseling

Dr. Awo Mana Asiedu (0244-575177)

NEXT SUNDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER, 2018

PRAYING WITH ONE ANOTHER

The Prayer Ministry requests the under-listed persons to kindly provide the Ministry with their active/current contact numbers and professions as they pray for them this week. The Ministry's week begins on Monday and runs until Saturday.

Ms. Lois Gladys Appiah-Opong
Prof. (Mrs.) Regina Appiah-Opong
Dr. Stephen Afranie
Mrs. Comfort Sidza Buame
Ms. Eyram Yvonne Buame

Ms. Kpormone Linda Buame
Mr. Fred Sitsofe Buame
Ms. Sophia Yaidoo
Mr. Kofi Addo
Ms. Candy Andrews

Mr. Frank Kwabena Asare
Mr. Joseph Kwasi Asare (Jnr)
Ms. Doris Abena Asare
Mr. Kwame Asiedu Attrams
Mrs. Lynda Carolyn Bugyei

Kindly contact the following people with any two specific prayer requests, latest by 12 noon on Wednesday: Mr. Kofi Yeboah - 0244875493 and Mrs. Ruth Opoku - 0509547267. Also, **please update your records with the Church Office.**



MID-WEEK SERVICES SCHEDULE AND OTHER PROGRAMMES

YEAR THEME: "THE MISSION OF JESUS — A CALL TO PARTNERSHIP"

Coordinator - Mr. David Avor (020 762 8947)

| DATE | TIME | OFFICIANT | ACTIVITY | SERMON TOPIC | PREACHER |
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| Fri. 2-Nov | 10:00pm - 4:00am | Ms. Emefa Aveh | All-Night Prayer Meeting | "THE ABRAHAMIC BLESSING" (Genesis 12: 1-14) | Rev. Julius Coomson & Prophet E. Afriyie-Jenkins |
| Wed. 7-Nov | 6:30pm-8:00pm | Mr. Daniel Twimasie | Prayer & Teaching Service | "The Believer's Mission: Honouring God with the work of our hands" (Colossians 3:22-25) | Mr. Kofi Asomaning |
| Wed. 14-Nov | 6:30pm-8:00pm | Mrs. Hetty Yirenkyi-Boafo | Prayer & Teaching Service | "The Believer's Mission: Obedience unto death" (Philippians 2:5-11) | Rev. Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor |
| Sat. 17-Nov | 9:00am-12:30pm | LIC FAMILY MEETING: All members of LIC are expected to be present Come let's deliberate on issues regarding the growth of the family. | | | |
| Sat. 24-Nov | 6:30pm-8:30pm | DRAMA PRODUCTION: 40th Anniversary Drama Night | | | |

PRAYER MEETINGS:

Sunday Morning: Prayer for Sunday Activities @ 8:45am - 9:15am; Sunday Evening: In the Conference Room @ 6:30pm - 8:00pm; Monday: In the Vestry @ 6:30pm - 8:00pm; Wednesday: Prayer & Teaching Service @ 6:30pm - 8:00pm in the Sanctuary, except for 'Bethesda Moment' which will be from 6.30 - 8.30pm; Saturday: Prayer for Missions @ 7:00 - 8:30am on the Right Verandah of the Sanctuary; All Night Prayer Meeting: 1st Friday of the Month @ 10 pm - 4:00am in the Sanctuary.

BIBLE STUDIES: Sunday: 9:15 - 10:15am (for 2 Services); 8:00 - 9:00am (for Joint Services); **Monday:** 6:45 - 8:00pm

REHEARSALS: LIC BAND: Tuesdays @ 7:00pm - 9:00pm LIC CHOIR: Saturdays @ 4:00pm - 7:00pm