

## Sermon Summary for 30th September, 2018

### "THE STAGE IS SET FOR JESUS' DEATH"

**Psalm 31: 9 - 15; Mark 14: 1 - 11**

(Rev. Yaw Boamah)

The time has come, everything is in place, for Jesus to be put to death. Earlier on in this gospel, we saw how Jesus allowed Himself to be "unveiled" by His own disciples. The demons knew who He was but His own disciples didn't. In Mark chapter 8:27-29 Jesus did something unusual: "... And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am? ... But who do you say that I am?"

The disciples offered different answers; Peter gave the right answer but Jesus charged them not to publicize it. To know His identity is to know His mission and to broadcast His mission is to invite opposition. Therefore, He strictly warned them not to disclose His identity to the public.

Instead, He began to explain to the disciples how His mission would be fulfilled.

"And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again."

(Mark 8:31 see also 9:30-31 and 10: 32-34). In each case the disciples fail to understand Him but Jesus takes the opportunity to teach them on Discipleship.

#Take up your cross and follow Him. #The first must be last. # To be great, first be servants; to be first, become slaves.

The three features of Jesus' teaching on how His mission would be accomplished were 1. Betrayal 2. Rejection and condemnation 3. Death followed certainly by His resurrection.

"... And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be **delivered** over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will **condemn** him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and **kill** him. And after three days he will **rise**." (Mark 10:32-34 ESV) Verse 33: "delivered" = 'betrayed' in the NIV.

First, Jesus had to be betrayed. But who is it that will betray Him?

It had to be an insider who knew all the secret places where Jesus met with His disciples and who could identify Jesus even in the night with dim lights.

Therefore, the two critical verses to note in the passage are: 1&11.

Reason? Two groups of people were set on the same agenda: looking for an opportunity to arrest and kill Jesus; looking for an opportunity to betray Jesus so that He can be arrested and killed.

**In between these two evil plots is the beautiful story of a woman's pure devotion to Jesus.** She gave her best to Jesus.

Judas was not invited, he volunteered his services to the opposition. He was willing to sell his Master for the same amount that was paid for a slave on the slave market. But this woman spent about the equivalent of a laborer's yearly income on a gift for her Lord. Her attitude was that her Lord deserved her best so she broke and emptied the container; she gave it all to Him. She was criticized. (see also John 12:4-6)

She was alone. Those in opposition were many but she still gave her best.

Will you exchange your relationship with Jesus for a job or for human favors, friendships or grades ...?

Today, Jesus is working out His purpose of rescuing the lost. There are many who are giving sacrificially towards the cause of the gospel but the opposition also continues.

To which category do you belong? Are you for the Lord or you are against His cause?

Whilst many are supporting the preaching and spreading of the gospel, there are some who have joined the ranks of the church (and may even work their way into leadership positions) but, in fact, are agents of the devil. They have a "Judas agenda": These people employ various tactics, fair or foul, to oppose the preaching of the gospel. And they are not the easiest to detect - "double agents".

But the Lord knows them and will deal with them at His appointed time. Their worst designs can never stop the forward march of the gospel. (Matthew 16:18)

**Prayer:** 1. If called to give sacrificially to the cause of the gospel, ask for grace to do so. The Lord sees and will reward you. 2. If opposing the gospel, ask for mercy. The Lord will show you His mercy.

### This Week's Prayer Topics

✠ *Thank God for your life and that of every member of LIC. Thank Him for His faithfulness and protection; for keeping us alive to see the last quarter of the year; and for the many blessings we cannot see (Eph 1:3, Ps 108:5, Lam 3:21-24, James 1:17)*

✠ *Pray for wisdom for the last quarter of the year; that the Lord will show His people His desire for the last quarter of 2018. Pray against the impulsion to be in control; that God will have His way and we will obey Him fully (James 1:5, Matt 7:7, Prov 19:21)*

✠ *Pray for those fighting addictions: to food, pornography, drugs etc. Pray that they will acknowledge their problems and seek help. Pray that God will empower them to overcome these addictions in Jesus' Name (1 Cor 10:13, James 4:7, Phil 4:19)*



### CONGRATULATIONS!!!

#### BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

Oct. 07: Mrs. Norah A. Sowa  
Oct. 07: Mr. Emmanuel Nii Noi Osuteye  
Oct. 07: Mr. Kwesi Ackon Anderson  
Oct. 07: Mr. Frank Y. Yeboah  
Oct. 07: Ms. Josephine A. Acheampong  
Oct. 08: Paa Kofi Karikari  
Oct. 09: Mrs. Adantsi Richard  
Oct. 09: Mr. Benjamin Kuuku Arthur  
Oct. 09: Mrs. Cecilia Sarpong  
Oct. 09: Mrs. Yaa Odi Nelson  
Oct. 09: Mr. Solomon Darkwah  
Oct. 09: Mr. Michael Phillips  
Oct. 09: Mr. Patrick Kwakye-Boamah  
Oct. 10: Mrs. Gladys Agyeman-Sereboo  
Oct. 10: Mrs. Naa Dedei Agyei-Reindorf  
Oct. 10: Mr. Jerry Ayivor  
Oct. 10: Ms. Rukaya Ibn Suleiman  
Oct. 11: Ms. Yvonne Attigah  
Oct. 11: Mr. Sena Kofi Adiepena  
Oct. 11: Master Dzidzor Kwamena Kumaga  
Oct. 11: Mr. Matthew Kofi Ocran  
Oct. 12: Mrs. Deborah N. D. Odotei-Mettle  
Oct. 12: Prof. (Mrs.) Akosua Perbi  
Oct. 12: Mr. Clarence Badu Ago  
Oct. 13: Prof. Kofi Budu Laryea  
Oct. 13: Mr. Daniel K. Offei

#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Oct. 8: Kwabena & Sharon Asiedu  
Oct. 8: Prince & Mary-Priscilla Anderson  
Oct. 09: Charles & Philomena Adomako  
Oct. 10: Samuel & Bernice Offei  
Oct. 10: Mr. & Mrs. Adobee  
Oct. 10: Mensa & Olufemi Antwi-Boasiako  
Oct. 10: Kofi & Shola Safo-Duodu  
Oct. 13: Collin & Suomo Kwayisi-Doky

# WELCOME



TO

## LEGON INTERDENOMINATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, 7TH OCTOBER, 2018



**Influencing Generations  
Through Christ-like Discipleship**

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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, 7TH OCTOBER, 2018**

Officiant for 1st Service: Mrs. Isabella Agra  
Officiant for 2nd Service: Mrs. Bernice Offei

Sermon Topic: **"Jesus establishes the New Covenant"**  
Preacher: **Dr. Frederick L. Phillips**

Lectors for 1st Service: Mr. Kwabena Boateng and Ms. Cecilia Adjei  
Lectors for 2nd Service: Ms. Gloria Adinyira and Ms. Stella Nyarko

Notices for 1st Service: Dr. Esi Ansah  
Notices for 2nd Service: Mr. Kofi-Kakraba Afful

Scripture Passages: **Exodus 12: 21 - 27 and Mark 14: 12 - 26**

Opening Hymn: *"To God be the Glory"*

Pre-Sermon Hymn: *"He Hideth my Soul"*

Closing Hymn: *"Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing"*

**REFLECTION: Covenant made by one but for two**

When God called us to covenant with Him, He left us with no part to play. For a dying, wretched and unworthy souls like us, He chose to die with the hope – mere hope - that we will individually, someday accept his sacrifice and live. He knew we were unwilling to play any part in saving ourselves yet willing to make it painful and impossible for Him to do. He knew we will betray, deny and abandon Him. He knew it will take an intentional love from Him to save us which will intentionally never be reciprocated, yet He was willing to love anyway.  
— JNA (October - 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, 14TH OCTOBER, 2018  
(PRAYER SERVICE)**

Officiant for 1st Service: Mrs. Ruth Korkor Opoku  
Officiant for 2nd Service: Mr. Terry Jumah

Sermon Topic: **"Wrestling in Prayer for the will of God"**  
Preacher: **Mr. Kofi Asomaning**

Scripture Passage: **Colossians 4: 12 & 13**

Notices for 1st Service: Dr. Esi Ansah  
Notices for 2nd Service: Mr. Kofi-Kakraba Afful



Activity for 7th October, 2018

**SHARING OF VISION & PRAYER**

Leaders:

Sena A-Bessa, Baaba Arthur, Gwendolyn Quartey

Time is **4:00pm @ LIC**

**Visitors' Reception for OCTOBER, 2018**

1st: Mrs. Amanda Derban

2nd: Ms. Aileen Asafu-Adjaye; Mr. Spike Boaitay

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

We publish the banns for the following persons:

- For the **THIRD AND FINAL TIME**, between **Mr. Jude Odoi** of Christ the King Parish, Accra and **Ms. Yaa Darpaah** of LIC.
- For the **SECOND TIME**, between **Mr. Collins Mensah** of Church of Pentecost, Birmingham Central, UK and **Ms. Eunice Abena Odoom** both of LIC and Church of Pentecost, Birmingham Central, UK.

Please inform the Pastors or Presiding Elder if you know of any just and valid reason why these persons may not be lawfully joined together in marriage. Kindly keep them in prayer.

**OUTREACH TO OTHER CHURCHES – NEXT SUNDAY, 14 OCTOBER**

**Mr. Edward Addotey** and **Dr. K. Twum-Baah** will preach at Korleman Methodist Society and Narhman Emmaus Presbyterian Church respectively. Both will preach on the Topic: *"Wealth and the Kingdom of God"*. Scripture Reference: Amos 5: 6-15; Heb. 4: 12-16; Mark 10:17-31. Let us bear them up in prayer.

**SUNDAY, 7TH OCTOBER, 2018**

Mr. Frank Yaw Yeboah (024 463 6841)  
Mrs. Monica Senanu (0244748746)

Mr. Charles MacCarthy (0244353522)  
Dr. George T-M. Kwadzo (020-8161624)

**ELDERS ON DUTY**

**Reception**

**Counseling**

**NEXT SUNDAY, 14TH OCTOBER, 2018**

Mr. Theo Aryee (0204-315133)  
Mr. Samuel Owusu Yeboah (0504441114)  
Dr. Mrs. Eureka Ahadjie Adomako (0244-281821)  
Mr. Kwadwo Otu Addae (0243-367611)

**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.

Mr. T. V.O. Lamptey	Dr. Kwaku A. Twum-Baah	Mr. Theophilus Cabutey-Adoadjii
Ms. Felicia Philomena Appiah	Mrs. Marian A. Twum-Baah	Katey Cabutey-Adoadjii
Prof. E. Kweku Osam	Mrs. Vida Sena Odei	Mrs. Doris Dankwa
Mrs. Susanna Osam	Mrs. Victoria Cabutey-Adoadjii	Prof. Emmanuel Victor Oware Dankwa
Mr. Kwaku Nyarko Sefa-Dedeh	Ahuma Cabutey-Adoadjii	Mr. Nana Adow Dankwa

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
Wed. 10-Oct	6:30pm-8:00pm	Mr. William Berko Asamoah	Prayer & Teaching Service	"The Believer's Mission: Ordained to be Fruitful" (John 15: 1-16)	Rev. Mrs. Agnes Phillips
Wed. 17-Oct	6:30pm-8:30pm	Ms. Phoebe Washington-Nortey	BETHESDA MOMENT (John 5:1-9)	To be led by Mr. Kofi Yeboah. Music by the LIC Choir.	
Wed. 24-Oct	6:30pm-8:00pm	CHRISTIAN LIFE SEMINAR			
Fri. 2-Nov	10:00pm-4:00am	Ms. Emeffa Aveh	All-Night Prayer Meeting	"THE ABRAHAMIC BLESSING" (Genesis 12: 1-14)	Rev. Dr. George Wilfred Arthur
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

**PRAYER MEETINGS:**

Sunday Morning: Prayer for Sunday Activities @ 7:30am - 7:50am; 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