

Sermon Summary for 28th October, 2018

"JESUS THE KING IS ARRESTED AND TRIED"

2 Samuel 16: 5-13; Mark 14: 43-65 (Rev. Julius D. Coomson)

Right from Mark 11, we see the details of the final week leading up to Jesus' death. Today's passage reveals the events of the Thursday evening leading into early Friday morning. There are three main things the text shows us:

1. Jesus is deserted because of Gain (vv43-46)

After Jesus' time of prayer in Gethsemane, Judas, one of the twelve apostles arrived with a crowd from the Sanhedrin (v43). The Sanhedrin was made up of the chief priests, teachers of the law and the elders. We have already encountered this group in Mark 8:31, 11:27-28 and 14:1. In all these instances, we observe their hatred for Jesus. The crowd was armed and had come to arrest Jesus. However, they needed someone to lead them to Jesus. Judas made himself available for that role. Why would someone who walked with Jesus and ate from the same bowl with Jesus betray Him? From Mark 14:10-11, we learn that Judas did this for gain. The specific amount he was promised was 30 pieces of silver (Matt 26:14-16); the value for a slave (Exodus 21:32). Judas had walked with Jesus for 3 years and yet for personal gain, he traded the relationship he had with Jesus. We often dissociate ourselves from Judas' story and yet, we all stand the temptation of deserting Jesus for gain; the gain of an office promotion, money, a new relationship, a new job, power, pleasure, etc. In what ways are you tempted to behave like Judas or in what ways are you living as a Judas?

2. Jesus is deserted because of Pain (47-52)

Unlike Judas, the other disciples were determined not to trade Jesus at any cost. In John 18:10, we see Simon Peter striking the ear of the high priest's servant and Jesus promptly rebuked him because He didn't condone violence. Clearly the disciples were willing to stand with Jesus but when Jesus declared that scripture must be fulfilled, they all deserted Him (vv49, 50). They were willing to stand for Jesus, as long as it wasn't going to bring them pain or challenges. How would you have fared if you were there with Jesus? We too face the temptation of abandoning our devotion to Jesus when the pressure is high. For example, we sometimes slow down in our devotion to Jesus when work or study pressure gets high. We sometimes turn our backs on Jesus, when standing for Him will put our relationships or jobs at stake. What challenge are you facing that is making you desert your allegiance to Jesus? Look to Jesus (Heb 12:3).

3. Jesus suffered Injustice to Justify Sinful Humanity (53-65)

When Jesus was arrested, He was sent before the Sanhedrin to stand trial. A very careful look at Jesus' trial shows that everything that took place at His trial portrayed injustice. **First**, in vs 53, we see that the very people who sought to kill Jesus (in vs 1) were to judge Him. **Second**, in vs 55, they had already determined Jesus must die but were only looking for evidence to execute Him. **Third**, in vs 56, we read that the charges that were brought against Jesus were false, contrary to Exodus 20:16. **Furthermore**, their testimonies didn't agree and according to Deut. 19:15, that should have been enough reason to set Jesus free. However, the Sanhedrin kept on fishing for evidence to kill Jesus. When all efforts to find Jesus guilty failed, the High Priest confronted Jesus directly regarding His Identity. When Jesus declared that He was the Messiah, He was condemned to die (v64). Throughout this unjust trial, it is interesting that Jesus kept silent and thus fulfilled Isaiah 53:7. He did not defend Himself so that He could be our advocate before God's throne (1 John 2:1). Jesus was condemned to die (v64) so that those who believe in Him will not be condemned (Rom. 8:1). The Blameless was blamed so that we, the blame-worthy, could go free. The guiltless was killed so that guilty humanity could be justified. This is the Christian Gospel and we have only two responses to the gospel: to accept what Jesus did on the cross for us or to reject His finished work. Whatever our choice, we shouldn't forget that Jesus suffered, not for His own sins but for our sins.

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 **NEXT 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 for Ghana: for a generation of leaders who are after God's heart; who are faithful in the little things committed to their care; and who will not perverse the course of justice by accepting or giving bribes (Luke 16:10-12; Proverbs 17:23)

✠ Pray for the leaders of Ghana, asking the Lord Himself to grant them the wisdom they need to govern especially in difficult times (1 Timothy 2:1-2; Proverbs 8:15)

✠ Pray for Believers: that we will be sensitive to the needs of the poor. That we would be willing to share what we have with others even as the Lord provides for us abundantly (Prov. 19:17; Heb. 13:16; 2 Cor. 8:9)

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

Nov. 04: Miss Joanna Nhyira Adu-Amoani
Nov. 04: Mr. Joel Kwesi Budu
Nov. 04: Mr. Setor Donne Novieto
Nov. 04: Mr. Nelson Makafui Quame
Nov. 05: Ms. Selina Ansah-Koi
Nov. 05: Mrs. Angela Manor
Nov. 05: Ms. Gifty Agyapong
Nov. 05: Mrs. Phyllis Ampomah
Nov. 05: Mr. Kodwo Tetteh Harrison
Nov. 06: Mrs. Hannah Wellington
Nov. 06: Master Kwabena Osei Attrams
Nov. 06: Mrs. Nana Aba Adogla
Nov. 07: Prof. Godfred Alufar Bokpin
Nov. 07: Mrs. Yaa Afriyie Opoku
Nov. 07: Mr. Jonathan Ane
Nov. 08: Ms. Edna Josephine Kankam
Nov. 08: Mr. Derrick Frimpong Basoah
Nov. 08: Mr. Kofi Osew
Nov. 08: Mrs. Evelyn Afram
Nov. 08: Mrs. Beatrice Oforiwa Danky
Nov. 08: Mrs. Gwendolyn B. Asare-Konadu
Nov. 09: Mr. Sampson Addo
Nov. 09: Mrs. Julia M. Atta
Nov. 09: Maame Yaa Ampofo-Tenkorang
Nov. 09: Ms. Rebecca Eduafo-Abraham
Nov. 09: Mrs. Stephanie Baka
Nov. 10: Mrs. Grace Ofori
Nov. 10: Ms. Promise Ndukuba

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Nov. 06: Sampson & Irene Addo
Nov. 08: Mr. & Mrs. Asaam
Nov. 09: Matthew and Evelyn Afram

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP FUN GAMES

Date: Saturday, 10th Nov, 2018
Venue: Sarbah Field
Time: 7am-10am
Side Attraction: Kenkey and Chicken

WELCOME



TO

LEGON INTERDENOMINATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER, 2018



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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, 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. Mrs. Agnes Phillips
 Lectors for 1st Service: Mr. Kwabena Boateng and Mrs. Monica Senanu
 Lectors for 2nd Service: Mrs. Juliana Asante-Dartey and Mr. Jonathan Ntsiful
 Notices for 1st Service: Ms. Phoebe Washington-Nortey
 Notices for 2nd Service: Mrs. Genevieve Parker-Twum

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

Opening Hymn: "All people that on earth do dwell"

Song Ministration: LIC Choir

Closing Hymn: "Who is on the Lord's side?"

REFLECTION: When the cock crows...

This is that dawn, when it suddenly dawns on you that you are keeping warm with the very people and pleasures that He clearly warned you about. It is the very moment you feel God giving you the "I-told-you-so" stare. Don't mistake it for an "I-am-done-with-you" stare. Out of His loving kindness, He prompts and acquits us; He doesn't convict and condemn us. Let him who thinks he stands, watch lest he falls. — JNA (Nov - 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, 11TH NOVEMBER, 2018

Officiant for 1st Service: Mrs. Lillian Phillips-Kumaga
 Officiant for 2nd Service: Mrs. Bernice Offei
 Sermon Topic: "Not guilty but condemned"
 Preacher: Mr. Dan Agamah
 Lectors for 1st Service: Dr. George T-M. Kwadzo and Ms. Jemima Jackson
 Lectors for 2nd Service: Mrs. Selassie Agamah and Ms. Victoria Dodoo
 Scripture Passages: **1 Kings 21: 1 - 16 and Mark 15: 1 - 15**
 Notices for 1st Service: Mr. Nuku Kumaga
 Notices for 2nd Service: Mrs. Genevieve Parker-Twum

Baby Dedication



Activity for 4th November, 2018

OUTREACH TO PENFIELD SHS

For all Youth Members ... old & young

SPECIAL PROGRAMME @ LIC

For all those who recently graduated to the Fellowship

Leaders:

William Delong; Frances Abedu-Quashie; Kwaku Afful

Time for **both meeting** is **4:00pm**

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: THIS Wednesday, 7th November, 2018.

Visitors' Reception for NOVEMBER, 2018

1st: Ms. Cecilia Adjei; Mrs. F. Washington-Nortey
2nd: Dr. E. Sinayobye; Dr. Awo Asiedu

OUTREACH TO OTHER CHURCHES – NEXT SUNDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER

Dr. VCK Kakane and Mr. Romeo Bugyei will preach at Korleman Methodist Society and Narhman Emmaus Presbyterian Church respectively. Both will preach on the Topic: "Watch, pray and wait". Scripture Reference: 1 Kgs. 17: 8-16; Heb. 9: 24-28; Mark 12: 38-44. Let us bear them up in prayer.

SUNDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER, 2018

ELDER'S ON DUTY

NEXT SUNDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER, 2018

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

Reception

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

Counseling

Dr. Awo Mana Asiedu (0244-575177)

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

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. Romeo Kwame Bugyei	Mrs. Philomena Adomako	Mrs. Dora Kurankye
Mr. Mawuko Kwaku Afadzinu	Mr. Joseph Akwei Allotey	Mr. Aaron Antwi-Asare
Mrs. Nana Asantewaa Afadzinu	Ms. Mavis Naa Adole Allotey	Mrs. Vida Fletcher
Mr. Michael Eric Abayie Baiden	Ms. Deborah Allotey	Mr. Kwame K. Ohene-Adu
Mr. Charles Adomako	Ms. Ruth A. A. Allotey	Mrs. Efua Ohene-Adu

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. Collins Gadawusu (020 809 1026)

DATE	TIME	OFFICIANT	ACTIVITY	SERMON TOPIC	PREACHER
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 our family.			
Wed. 21-Nov	6:30pm-8:30pm	Mr. Kwadwo Otu Addae	BETHESDA MOMENT (John 5:1-9)	To be led by Rev. Julius Coomson. Music by the LIC Choir.	
Sat. 24-Nov	6:30pm-8:30pm	DRAMA PRODUCTION: 40th Anniversary Drama Night ... with a play titled 'Dubai or Suicide!'			
Sunday, 25th November; after the 2nd Service				LIC SENIOR CITIZEN'S LUNCH	

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