

Readings from Matthew chapter 9—November 22nd-28th, 2020

1 So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. 2 Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you.” 3 And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, “This Man blasphemes!” 4 But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? 5 For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Arise and walk’? 6 But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins”—then He said to the paralytic, “Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.” 7 And he arose and departed to his house. 8 Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

Sunday: What was Jesus’ own city? See Matthew 2:23 and John 1:45-46. **Pray** with Southwest Ohio RPC (Mason, O.) that their public witnessing, on the streets and in neighborhoods, would be Spirit-blessed; **pray** for God’s grace on their efforts. **Pray** for Prof. Tom Reid, retired librarian at RP Theological Seminary, who undergoes a procedure tomorrow to remove a growth on his forehead.

Monday: Whose faith in v. 2 did Jesus see? **Pray** that all the financial needs of Atlanta (Ga.) RPC would continue to be met. **Pray** for our nation, that corruption would be exposed and that the people would desire righteousness.

Tuesday: How can your sins be forgiven? Read Acts 4:12, Romans 5:1, and Ephesians 2:8-9. **Pray** for the opportunity to tell the gospel (good news) to others as to how their sins can be forgiven. **Pray** with Fresno (Calif.) RPC for California’s parents, children, and teachers as they face the challenges of widespread online/at-home schooling and continued distancing; **pray** for Dr. Gayle Copeland and her colleagues, as they lead Fresno Pacific University in this difficult season.

Wednesday: What was the job of a scribe? **Pray** that we would hunger and thirst for the Word of God. **Pray** that the Lord would protect the flock at Providence RPC (Pittsburgh, Pa.) from the wiles of the evil one. **Pray** for Stranraer (Scotland) RPC, that the Lord would raise up elders for the congregation.

Thursday: What is blasphemy? **Pray** for the outreach and personal evangelism occurring at Marion (Ind.) RPC. **Pray** for the Louisville (Ky.) RP fellowship, and for Tre Cranford as he faithfully ministers there. **Pray** for Ron and Michele Haag, as they travel back from Texas, that they might have a safe and enjoyable journey.

Friday: What is meant by the term “Son of Man”? Read Daniel 7:13-14. **Pray** for the families in Sycamore RPC (Kokomo, Ind.) who have been negatively affected by the economic shutdown. **Pray** for our young people, that they would hide the Word of God in their hearts and would thereby be kept from sin.

Saturday: How did the multitudes react to the miracle? **Pray** with the Fulton (N.Y.) RPC that they might make good use of their gifts to be a blessing to the body of Christ. **Pray** for the service at ARPC tomorrow, that many would attend and would come to faith in Jesus.

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The Lord’s Day
November 22, 2020

Meeting every week at
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(corner of Western and Walnut Street)
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Worship at 3:30 PM

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Proclaiming the Kingship of Jesus Christ

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship

Isaiah 55:1

*The Invocation

*Psalm 29A

“O Give to Jehovah, You Sons of the Mighty”

Scripture Reading

I Corinthians 15:12-28

*Psalm 51C

“No Sacrifice Dost Thou Desire”

Pastoral Prayer

*Psalm 63B

“O God, You Are My God”

Scripture Text

I Thessalonians 4:13-18

The Sermon

“The Comfort of Christ’s Coming” (Part 1)

*Prayer

*Psalm 16B [stanzas 1-4]

“Preserve Me, O God”

*Benediction

*Psalm 16B [stanza 5] “Your Holy One You Will Preserve from Decay”

** Congregation will please stand.*

We are so glad that you could join us today! This service is being conducted under the auspices of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America. Please be sure to return next week and bring a friend.

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions & Answers

“And one cried unto another and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.”—Isaiah 6:3.

Q. 8. How doth God execute his decrees? A. God executeth his decrees in the works of creation and providence.

Q. 49. Which is the second commandment? A. The second commandment is, Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

For your convenience, a tithe box is located at the back.

I Thessalonians 4:13-18 “The Comfort of Christ’s Coming” (Part 1)
Paul and company comfort the believers with the doctrine of Christ’s second coming.

I. Doctrine

A. Not sorrowing

1. “But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren”

2. “concerning them which are asleep”

3. “That you sorrow not even as others that have no hope”

B. Proof of our resurrection

1. “For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again”

2. “even so them also which sleep in Jesus God will bring with Him”

Application

A. Don't be ignorant

1. Jesus did rise from the dead

2. Jesus will come back for His people

B. Don't be overly sad

1. Death is a sad thing

2. But, Jesus has conquered death

3. And, He will totally demonstrate that victory over death in the resurrection of the dead