

Readings from Matthew chapter 16—August 15th-21st, 2021

1 Then the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and testing Him asked that He would show them a sign from heaven. 2 He answered and said to them, "When it is evening you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red'; 3 and in the morning, 'It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.' Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times. 4 A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah." And He left them and departed. 5 Now when His disciples had come to the other side, they had forgotten to take bread. 6 Then Jesus said to them, "Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the Sadducees." 7 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "It is because we have taken no bread." 8 But Jesus, being aware of it, said to them, "O you of little faith, why do you reason among yourselves because you have brought no bread? 9 Do you not yet understand, or remember the five loaves of the five thousand and how many baskets you took up? 10 Nor the seven loaves of the four thousand and how many large baskets you took up? 11 How is it you do not understand that I did not speak to you concerning bread?—but to beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees." 12 Then they understood that He did not tell them to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

Sunday: Who were the Pharisees and Sadducees? **Pray** with Terre Haute, Ind., RPC for unbelieving family and friends; **pray** that members would be faithful witnesses, ready to take the opportunities God provides. **Pray** for Birmingham (Ala.) RPC, that it would grow and prosper and that it'd be able to call a pastor.

Monday: Why did they ask Jesus for a sign? **Praise God** with Tri-Lakes (Monument, Colo.) RPC for growth this past year and for Sam McCracken as new associate pastor. **Pray** for Selma (Ala.) RPC, that it would be encouraged.

Tuesday: What is a hypocrite? **Pray** that 2nd (Indianapolis, Ind.) RPC would reach local college and university students as they arrive on campus this year; and also international students in Indianapolis. **Pray** for Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery.

Wednesday: What is the sign of Jonah, and how was it a sign to the people in Jesus' day? **Please pray** with Hebron (Clay Center, Kan.) RPC that the celebration of their 150th anniversary as an organized congregation might be a means of reaching out to Clay Center and surrounding areas with the gospel of Jesus Christ. **Pray** that the Lord would send a spirit of repentance and revival to our nation.

Thursday: What is leaven and what did it symbolize here? **Pray** for the saints in Bloomington, Ind., RPC as they strive to maintain a faithful witness on the campus of Indiana University. **Pray** for Claudia Gonzalez and others who have health needs.

Friday: Do you have only little faith? **Pray** for members of Oswego, N.Y., RPC as they minister to their neighbors in low-income housing next to the church building. **Pray** for newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Imeson of Southfield (Mich.) RPC.

Saturday: In what ways does the church today miss Jesus' spiritual message and replace it with a message focused on material things? **Pray** for a safe and healthy start for incoming students at Geneva College in the new academic year. **Pray** for the service at ARPC tomorrow, that many would come and would be blessed.

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Proclaiming the Kingship of Jesus Christ

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship

55:1

Isaiah

*The Invocation

*Psalm 149 “O Praise the Lord! O Sing Aloud a New Song to the Lord!”

Scripture Reading

II Timothy 3:10-17

*Psalm 131

“My Heart Not Haughty Is, O Lord”

Pastoral Prayer

*Psalm 86B

“Thy Way Teach Me, Lord”

Scripture Text

John 21

The Sermon

“But Lord, What About This Man?”

*Prayer

*Psalm 27C

“Leave Me Not Nor Forsake, O God”

*Benediction

*Psalm 103D

“In the Heavens Has Jehovah”

** Congregation will please stand.*

We are so glad that you could join us today! Please be sure to return next week and bring a friend.

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions & Answers

“Quench not the Spirit.”—I Thessalonians 5:19. “Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will.”—Ephesians 1:4-5.

Q. 34. What is adoption? A. Adoption is an act of God’s free grace, whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges, of the sons of God.

Q. 79. Which is the tenth commandment? A. The tenth commandment is, Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.

Q. 80. What is required in the tenth commandment? A. The tenth commandment requireth full contentment with our own condition, with a right and charitable frame of spirit toward our neighbor, and all that is his.

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We welcome to our pulpit today the Rev. Adam Kuehner. A graduate of Christ College and Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary, he serves as Stated Clerk of Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery.

Jesus says, “You follow me!”

I. A Foolish Question

II. A Speculative Question

IV. An Irreverent Question

III. A Distracting Question