



A Sermon Series for the Sundays in Lent

You're invited to join us on a quest this Lenten season. Walk with Jesus, as he resolutely embarks on a journey to rescue the world from its greatest enemies: Satan, sin, and even itself. You'll enter the battlefield with Jesus, visit important landmarks along the way, and hear stories from the past and predictions for the future. This quest will prepare you for your own journeys through the battlefields of temptation, rejection, repentance, and loss. Even though this quest will end with the death of the hero, Jesus was determined to reach his goal. Determined to rescue his lost children, protect them, and set them free.

First Sunday in Lent (March 9-11)

Battling Temptation

Each of us battles with temptation every day, and the results are too obvious to mention. Christ was no stranger to temptation, either. He battled, yet was without sin...for us and for our eternal righteousness. This message of victory gives us confidence as we journey through the wilderness of sin in true repentance.

Second Sunday in Lent (March 16-18)

Determined Despite Rejection

The prophet Jeremiah was rejected for sharing the true message of God. Paul was constantly opposed and rejected by people who hated the message of Christ he shared. Jesus himself weeps over the way his people in Jerusalem rejected his claims of Messiahship. And yet, none of them stop. On our Lenten quest, we're reminded that we too can expect to be rejected because of the Gospel. Yet, as Jesus determinedly pressed on to the cross, Christians will also be determined to press on towards the goal of heaven, rejected right along with Jesus.



Third Sunday in Lent (March 23-25)

A Journey of Repentance

At its heart, our Lenten journey must be one of Spirit-wrought repentance. Here is the Lenten invitation: turn from sin! But turn from sin, fully confident of the Lord's deliverance!

Fourth Sunday in Lent/ Festival of Friendship (March 30-April 1)

Lost and Found

"Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me." When someone has hurt us, it's easy to go on the defensive; to seek to make them pay for what they've done, rather than welcoming them back with open arms. We might think God feels the same way about us. Because of our sin, we expect him to respond to us with anger or vengeance. And yet, as we'll see today, God is the good of full and free forgiveness, whose forgiving love is so intense, so complete, that many might call it downright "foolish." For those of us who have wandered from God on our own paths (and who can say they haven't?), we can rejoice to see our God welcoming us back with open arms of love!

Fifth Sunday in Lent (April 6-8)

Past, Present, Future

How beautiful is our quest to the cross and tomb. We have seen our Savior's battle waged against temptation. We have found confidence in his resolution to carry out the Father's plan of salvation. We have turned to the Lord at his invitation to draw near with repentant hearts. And we have rejoiced in his loving and forgiving embrace. In these final hours before Holy Week, even as we rejoice in the great things God has done for his people throughout history, let us put the ways of the past behind us and continue to strive for that for which Christ has laid hold of us.

Sixth Sunday in Lent/ Palm Sunday (April 13-15)

The Arrival

Here is the culmination of our Lenten quest of repentance and renewal. The journey of Lent has prepared our hearts to ponder anew the Passion of our Lord and his glorious triumph over death and grave. With repentant hearts we join our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, confident in his everlasting rule, hailing him as our Eternal King. At the same time, we are mindful that he is our King because he is the Messiah, the promised Son of David sent as the sacrificial Lamb of God. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!