

Fifth Sunday in Lent – 2025

Saturday, 4/5 at 4:00 & Sunday, 4/6 at 9:00

Saved People Want Others to Know About Their Jesus

Text: Isaiah 43:16-21 NAS-95

LAST Lent Wednesday 4/9: Service 11, Meal 12 | Meal 6, Service 7

Follow
along!

Read again
at home!

Then
share!

Introduction: Dear friends, Here are some **HUGE** differences:

Unrepentant

- ❖ Dead in sin.
- ❖ Living for self.
- ❖ Afraid of death.
- ❖ A horrible eternity.

Repentant

- ❖ Alive in Christ.
- ❖ Living for Christ.
- ❖ To die is gain.
- ❖ A wonderful eternity.

- ➔ Do YOU rightly understand God's word?
- ➔ Do YOU know you are helpless to save yourself?
- ➔ Are YOU heartily sorry for your sins?
- ➔ Are YOU trusting in Jesus alone for eternal life?

If you answered "Yes" to each question, *you are richly blessed by the LORD! When we know, we also want others to know!*

1. **Who Was Isaiah:**

- a. A prophet of the LORD, who preached and wrote about 2,700 years ago (740 to 681 BC).
- b. He called the southern kingdom of Judah to repent, *during the time when the unrepentant northern kingdom of Israel fell to the Assyrians (721).*

- c. He proclaimed ✦the virgin birth of the Messiah (7) and ✦His suffering, death, and resurrection (53).
- d. He prophesied that Judah would fall to the Babylonians, but also that 70 years later, under Cyrus, *a remnant would return and rebuild.*

2. **Isaiah 43:16-21: *The GREATNESS of the LORD***

- a. **He Destroyed Pharaoh’s Cavalry:** ¹⁶ **Thus says the LORD, Who makes a way through the sea And a path through the mighty waters,** ¹⁷ **Who brings forth the chariot and the horse, The army and the mighty man (They will lie down together *and* not rise again; They have been quenched *and* extinguished like a wick):**
 - i. Ancient Egypt, at the time of Moses, was a dominant force in the world. Pharaoh sent his cavalry, *the strongest part of his army*, to pursue the Israelites.
 - ii. When the cavalry looked unstoppable, the LORD stopped them and parted the Red Sea. When they pursued the Israelites, *the LORD ended all their lives as easily as a candle is extinguished.*
 - iii. Application: Do you have an unstoppable enemy? Solution: *Trust in the LORD and His greatness!*
- b. **He Called for a Change:** ¹⁸ **“Do not call to mind the former things, Or ponder things of the past. //** The LORD ✦created the world, ✦flooded the world, ✦rescued the Israelites, and ✦parted the waters. Those things were great, *but something GREATER was coming!* Let’s not live in the past *but look for the GREATNESS of the LORD’s eternal blessings!*

- c. He Promised Miraculous Things: ¹⁹ **Behold, I will do something new, Now it will spring forth; Will you not be aware of it? I will even make a roadway in the wilderness, Rivers in the desert.**
- i. Great to Greater: The LORD had already done GREAT things for Israel, *but now He speaks of*
 - ▶ something greater, ▶ something unexpected,
 - ▶ something seemingly impossible: Like “**Rivers in the desert.**”
 - ii. Something What? **Temporal** miracles – *like parting the Red Sea* – are amazing, but **eternal** miracles – *like saving lost sinners* – are even greater!
- d. Beasts Glorifying the LORD: ²⁰ **The beasts of the field will glorify Me, The jackals and the ostriches, Because I have given waters in the wilderness And rivers in the desert, To give drink to My chosen people.**
- i. Paul Reminded the Ephesians of their Previous Situation: “...you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world” (2:11-12).
 - ii. Who are “the beasts of the field”? Dr. Kretzmann gave this answer: “...the Gentiles who are still in the wilderness of their sinfulness...”
 - iii. But What Has the LORD Done? **In the OT** some Gentiles were brought to believe in the coming Messiah. However, **from the Day of Pentecost**, many Gentiles have received the “**living water**” – including the Samaritan woman in **John 4 (10-11)**.

- iv. What Is the “[living water](#)”? It’s God’s gift of salvation, *the assurance of God’s forgiveness in Christ*, which will carry us through the wilderness of this fallen world all the way to Paradise!
- e. Encouragement to Praise: ²¹ **The people whom I formed for Myself Will declare My praise.** // Who are those people? They are the LORD’s “chosen people” (20)! **Paul explained:** “...they are not all Israel who are *descended* from Israel; nor are they all children because they are Abraham’s descendants... // it is not the children of the flesh who are children of God, **but the children of the promise are regarded as descendants**” (Rom 9:6-8). // *God’s true children* ➡ *have the faith of Abraham* and ➡ *want others to know about their Jesus!*
- i. Jesus said to His disciples: **Matthew 5:14** “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.” // When we know Jesus, ***it shows!***
- ii. Great News for All Repentant Ones: **1 Peter 2:9** “...you are a **chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God’s own possession, [WHY?] that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light...”**

Let Us Pray: Dearest Holy Trinity – F, S, and HS: *TYSM for making us Your own!* Please help us, move us, use us to tell others about Jesus!

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