

Lent Week 2: February 26—March 4

Th	Psalm 22:23-31 Genesis 15:1-6, 12-18 Romans 3:21-31
F	Psalm 22:23-31 Genesis 16:1-6 Romans 4:1-12
Sa	Psalm 22:23-31 Genesis 16:7-15 Mark 8:27-30
Su	<i>Second Sunday in Lent</i> Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22:23-31 Romans 4:13-25 <i>Passage we'll be preaching on: Mark 8:31-38</i>
M	Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45 Genesis 21:1-7 Hebrews 1:8-12
Tu	Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45 Genesis 22:1-19 Hebrews 11:1-3, 13-19
W	Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45 Jeremiah 30:12-22 John 12:36-43

For reflection:

Our passage for this Sunday finds Jesus in the temple, not only cleaning house, but also making an unimaginable statement, “Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.” (John 2:19). Here, Jesus is not talking about the physical structure of the Temple, but his body. He is the temple. 1 Peter 2:4-10 picks up on this and teaches us how we fit into that image. What do you take away from 1 Peter 2:4-10? What does it tell you about how God sees us?

Psalm 19 reminds us that day in and day out God’s creation pours forth praise. We are invited to join in that chorus.

1 Peter 2:9 tells us that we have been called out of darkness into the light in order to tell people about God’s goodness.

Today — in what ways could you join in the praise of creation?

To whom could you tell about God’s goodness? Who in your life needs to hear about God’s promise to bring us into the light? Could you be the voice that declares this today?

When Jesus encounters the Temple in John 2, it is no longer fulfilling its purpose (as a house of prayer and worship), but instead has become a place where profits are maximized and people taken advantage of. What’s interesting is that this has become status quo. No one but Jesus seems to be upset about it. It’s as if, in some ways, people are just going through the motions.

Take time today to examine your life — and ask God to join you. Are there any areas where you are going through the motions? Anything that has become status quo — maybe without you even realizing it — that needs to change?