**Lent Scripture Readings 2018**

**March 7-March 13**

**Wednesday: Mark 11:15, 17**

*On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple area and began driving out those who were buying and selling there . . . And as he taught them, he said, Is it not written: ‘My house will called a house of prayer for all nations?’*

What *table* would Jesus overturn in your heart to get your attention? Be the worshipper that makes God’s house a *House of Prayer*. Pray that Jesus reaches the heart of anyone whose focus is skewed.

**Thursday: John 1:1, Psalm 107:20-21**

*In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

*He sent forth his word and healed them; he rescued them from the grave. Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love.*

Do you understand Jesus’ redemption from the cross as your most important *healing?* Do you see Jesus’ designed as your personal rescue mission? What part of God’s unfailing love isn’t enough for you?

**Friday: Ephesians 1:7-8**

*In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.*

Contemplate what you *have* in Christ: redemption, forgiveness, rich grace, lavished on you! Where are you thinking, feeling, living below Christ’s lavished gifts? Live fully in Christ today.

**Saturday: John 3:2-3**

*[Nicodemus], came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him.” In reply Jesus declared, “I tell you the truth, unless a man is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”*

*Where do you compliment Jesus without obeying him? How does your obedience help people see the kingdom of God? What truth would Jesus tell you today?*

**Fourth Sunday in Lent: John 3:21**

*But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be see plainly that what [Jesus] has done has been done through God.*

What is the source of the truth you live by, identity yourself by? Are you *plainly seen* as someone who lives by Jesus’ truth? As you worship today, soak up more light so you can share it.

**Monday: Psalm 107:4a, John 14:6**

*Some wandered in desert wastelands, finding no way.*

*Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*

Where are you *wandering* and *finding no way? How might Jesus be your way today? What truth do you need to hear so that you can? Remember, the only time you wander is when you take your own way.*

**Tuesday: Psalm 107:10, Luke 4:18**

*Some sat in darkness and the deepest gloom, prisoners suffering in iron chains.*

*The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor . . . He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners.*

What chains your heart and keeps you from living free? Where do you think freedom is on the other side of some circumstantial change? Let Jesus do for you what He came to do . . . free you from unnecessary chains.