

Deliverance from Danger

Human anger meets Christ's
compassion in the Passion



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ABOUT THE SERIES: We live in an increasingly angry culture. Although we may feel justified at becoming angry with something or someone who violates the Word of God, we often express that anger in unhelpful and even harmful ways. In our 2020 Lenten series, “Deliverance from Danger,” we will explore the destructive nature of supposed “righteous” anger in humans. In response to all this misplaced, misinformed and misguided human anger, Jesus responds with grace and mercy, compassionately dispensing God’s gifts.

THEME OF THE DAY: Although Judas followed Jesus as a disciple and heard and saw much that our Savior taught and did, the disciple judged himself unworthy of forgiveness after betraying our Lord. Some sins might seem unforgivable in our eyes, but Jesus assures us that the forgiveness He came to win is more powerful than our internal self-criticism, the devil’s torments and the Law’s accusation. We do well to remember that God shows His love for us in this: that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. We pray that God would grant us faith that believes even our deepest and most awful sins have been paid by our loving Lord and Savior.

Hymn “When Aimless Violence Takes Those We Love” 764

Invocation (P = pastor; C = congregation)
P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

Opening Versicles
P: O Lord, open my lips.
C: And my mouth will declare Your praise.

P: Make haste, O God to deliver me.
C: Make haste to help me, O Lord.

Confession and Absolution
P: Gracious heavenly Father, we come before you confessing our anger against you and toward others.
C: Like Judas, we often direct our anger inward against ourselves. We falsely believe that we are beyond Your steadfast love and faithfulness to us. We convince ourselves that You cannot fully love us or accept us. Regret, remorse and anger can lead us to separate ourselves from You and Your church. Give us assurance that all manners of sins are forgiven in Christ, even self-anger, self-harm and suicide. Lead us to repentance. Forgive us and deliver us from the danger of human anger.

P: Our Lord experienced extreme expressions of anger against Him.

C: Jesus was delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

P: Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ. For His sake, God forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God for His compassion shown to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 37:23-29

P: The steps of a man are established by the LORD,
when he delights in his way;

**C: though he fall, he shall not be cast headlong,
for the LORD upholds his hand.**

P: I have been young and now am old, yet I have not seen the
righteous forsaken or his children begging for bread.

**C: He is ever lending generously,
and his children become a blessing.**

P: Turn away from evil and do good; so shall you dwell forever.

C: For the Lord loves justice; he will not forsake his saints.

P: They are preserved forever,
but the children of the wicked shall be cut off,

C: The righteous shall inherit the land and dwell upon it forever.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray: Merciful Father, our sins often pain us, causing
tremendous regret and guilt. Point us toward Your complete
pardon in Christ and grant us peace in Your forgiveness and
mercy; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Confirmation Essays

Scripture Reading

Matt. 27:3-10

Hymn

“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”

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Sermon

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: O Lord,

C: Have mercy.

P: O Christ,

C: Have mercy.

P: O Lord,

C: Have mercy.

P: Help us, O Lord, this night

C: To live without sin.

P: O Lord, let your mercy be on us.

C: As our trust is in you.

P: Hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: And let our cry come to you.

P: *(Special Prayers)* Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into Your hands, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in
Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Lord’s Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

“O God, Forsake Me Not”

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