

No Greater Love
The Passion Week Parables in Matthew
A Lenten Series 2024

In Matthew 19 verse one and two we read, “Now when Jesus had finished these sayings, He went away from Galilee and entered the region of Judea beyond the Jordan; and large crowds followed Him, and He healed them there.” Luke’s Gospel records the same event this way in 9:31, “When the days drew near for Him to be received up, He set his face to go to Jerusalem.” In these verses Jesus said goodbye to Galilee for the last time and He moves the heart of His ministry to Judea and Jerusalem where He knows the Cross of salvation is before Him, where He would demonstrate the Great Love of God. Jesus would say in John 15:13, “Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.”

In the passion (the rejection, torture, misrepresentation, and crucifixion) of our Lord and King Jesus we see the Love of God on full display. During the week of His passion Jesus continued to teach in parables. During the season of Lent on Sunday Morning we at Walla Walla Presbyterian will be examining the parables of Passion Week as we remember the “No Greater Love of God.” The Kingdom of God’s love and salvation had come to the world and was about to be on its fullest display. The rightful King was going to lay down His life for the sake of His Kingdom and the people of that Kingdom.

Join us at 10:01 each Sunday morning and at additional times through the weeks of Lent as Pastor Albert leads as we ponder the great, great love of Jesus and examine these important teachings set against the backdrop of His passion. This series will help us contemplate the Passion of Jesus more deeply and will move us through Lent a time of reflection and examination to a survey of the Cross on Good Friday and then ultimately to the Resurrection we celebrate on Easter Morning when we see the Kingdom of God secured and its authority demonstrated.

This Lent would be a great time to explore the Friday Vespers Communion service that we offer each Friday night at 5:30 if you have not already. This participatory, liturgical service offers time for reflection and communion in an intimate environment. Led by our own By Rev. Dr. Chase Christon it is held in the “Upper Room.” We invite you to join this growing service to worship with others as we walk through the seasons of the church reflecting on God’s great love. Lent may be the perfect time for you to add this service to your Spiritual Journey.

Lent/Holy Week and Easter

February 14, 2024 – March 31, 2024

Sermon Series: No Greater Love; Passion Week Parables in Matthew

February 14 – Matthew 4:1-11; 6:16-21, “These 40 Days”; Rev. Gillin

TOTD: Celebration of Spiritual Discipline, *Ash Wednesday*

February 18 – Matthew 21:28-32, “The Two Sons”; Rev. Gillin

TOTD: repentance, Communion

February 25 – Matthew 21:33-46, “The Wicked Tenants”; Rev. Gillin

TOTD: Making Him Know,

March 3 – Matthew 22:1-14, “The Wedding Banquet”; Rev. Gillin

TOTD: Justification,

March 10 – Matthew 25:1-13, “The Ten Bridesmaids”; Rev. Gillin

TOTD: Today is the Day of Salvation

March 27 – Matthew 25:1-13, “Talents”; Rev. Gillin

TOTD: Keep Alert! *Communion*

March 24 – Matthew 25:14-30, “A Parade Like no Other”; Rev. Gillin

TOTD: Blessed is He, *Palm Sunday*

March 28– Various, “The Darkness Gathers ”; Rev. Gillin

TOTD: Obedience, Maundy Thursday Tenebrae, *Communion*

March 29 – Various, “It is Finished ”; Rev. Gillin

TOTD: Crucifixion, *Good Friday*, 12:00. 12:30, 1:00, 5:30, *Communion*

March 31 – Matthew 28:1-10, “As He Said”; Rev. Gillin

TOTD: Resurrection, 9:01, 10:31, *Easter*