



Rhythm OF WORSHIP

A W O R S H I P L E A D E R ' S

Weekly Devotional

Monday Jan. 6 - Sunday Jan. 12, 2020

Jesus Rejected at Nazareth

Theme for Sunday

Reflections

" Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. 15 He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him. He went to Nazareth..." (click on the green verse below for entire Scripture)

Luke
4:14-30

Jesus' meaning when describing what his coming meant for his fellow Jews in Nazareth enraged the audience. The reason? It was clear in both examples that Jesus was sent for more than just salvation of the Jews. He was sent for the salvation of all peoples, regardless of ethnicity. After Jewish ethnocentrism, the coming of Jesus meant that all people could be one in Christ. It meant that God had a heart not just for the people of Israel, but for the whole world. So much so that He sent His only Son for them. I attended a conference several years ago on multi-ethnic church strategy called the "Kainos" conference. One of the hispanic speakers said, "We don't just want to be your brothers in Christ, we want to be your brothers in law." A powerful statement addressing our real and actual comfort level with those who are ethnically different.

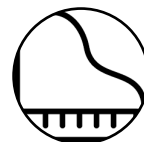
* What do I need to repent of this week?

* What feels too heavy to carry this week?

* Do I see every person, no matter the age, color, economic status, sexual orientation, etc, as a precious person made in the image of God?

* If I could extend compassion and forgiveness to someone this week, I would extend it to...

* Colossians 4 says to pray with an attitude of thanksgiving and to be "alert" during prayer. Can I put this to good practice this week?



Prayer

NEW YEAR

O LORD,

Length of days does not profit me except the days are passed
in thy presence, in thy service, to thy glory.

Give me a grace that precedes, follows, guides, sustains,
sanctifies, aids every hour,
that I may not be one moment apart from thee,
but may rely on thy Spirit to supply every thought,
speak in every word, direct every step,
prosper every work, build up every mote of faith,
and give me a desire to show forth thy praise,
testify thy love, advance thy kingdom.

I launch my bark on the unknown waters of this year,
with thee, O Father, as my harbor,
thee, O Son, at my helm,
thee, O Holy Spirit, filling my sails.

Guide me to heaven with my loins girt,
my lamp burning,
my ear open to thy calls,
my heart full of love,
my soul free.

Give me thy grace to sanctify me,
thy comforts to cheer,
thy wisdom to teach,
thy right hand to guide,
thy counsel to instruct,
thy law to judge,
thy presence to stabilize.

May thy fear be my awe,
thy triumphs my joy.

taken from "The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers and Devotions"

SONGS AND ART

1. HEAL OUR LAND

"Spirit of God, breathe on Your church"

3. HOLY SPIRIT

"let us become more aware"

5. GREAT ARE YOU LORD

"You give hope"

2. REVIVE US

"open the flood gates of heaven"

4. LIVING HOPE

"Jesus Christ, my living hope"

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