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**March – April,  
2021**

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*Then all the disciples left him and fled. Matthew 26:56*

Alone.

That’s one of the worst words in the world. In the past year, a lot of people have felt alone. The normal gathering places like churches, schools, restaurants, and clubs all closed for a while. Many people had a very hard time not getting together with others. Thankfully it looks like things will continue to open up as more people get the vaccine and infection rates go down.

When you look at the story of Jesus getting arrested, judged and crucified, you see a lot about people being alone. When Peter went to the high priest’s house to see what will happen to Jesus, Peter said three times that he didn’t know Jesus. Then he realized what he had done. He was full of sorrow and went out crying bitterly. Alone.

Judas betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver. Maybe he thought this will make Jesus prove to the Jewish leaders that He was the Savior. We don’t know what Judas was thinking. But when Judas saw that Jesus was going to die, he was very sad that he betrayed Jesus. He went out and hanged himself. Alone.

Jesus was the most alone. When He got arrested, all the disciples left Jesus and they ran away. Jesus had no one to help Him when the Jews judged Him. When the Roman governor Pontius Pilate judged Jesus, again Jesus had no one to help Him. No one to defend Him or encourage Him. When the soldiers whipped and beat Jesus, He was surrounded by enemies, no friends. When Jesus was crucified, even God the Father left Him. That is why Jesus shouted on the cross, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?” He suffered judgment, the cross, and the punishment of hell for our sin. Alone.

Sometimes we feel all alone. Troubles overwhelm us. Family and friends ignore us. But we are not alone. Jesus died and rose alive again so He can live with you. He’s been through suffering. He’s been through hell. He’s been more alone than you can imagine. But He’s not alone now – He’s with you! He promised He is with you always until the end of the world (Matthew 28:20).

Jesus did everything to save you. He suffering everything so He can give you hope. No matter what happens, He is always Your Savior. Remember that, trust His promises, and receive His comfort.  
Pastor Eckert

# Dive Into God's Word

*These things happened to make them an example for others. These things were written down as a warning for us who are living in the closing days of history. 1 Cor. 10:11*

The Bible has many examples. Some are good examples that we should follow. Some are bad examples that show what we should not do. Understand – Jesus' main job isn't to be our example! Jesus is our Savior, not our example. He doesn't show you how you can save yourself. He shows you that He saves you. But many of the stories about God's people in the Old Testament and New Testament are good examples for us to learn how we can live as God's people. We will continue to study these stories this year.

This month, we will look at revenge and forgiveness. *Answers on page 4.*

## Example: Don't Get Revenge, Genesis 34:1-31

1. What did the man named Shechem do to Jacob's daughter named Dinah? (Gen. 34:1-2)
2. What did Shechem want to do next? (Gen. 34:3-4)
3. Jacob's sons (Dinah's brothers) were very angry at Shechem. What agreement did they make with Shechem and his father? Were they being honest? (Gen. 34:13-17)
4. While the men in the city were healing, what did Simeon and Levi do? (Gen. 34:25-29)
5. Simeon and Levi got revenge, not only against the man Shechem, but against everyone in the city. That made Jacob afraid. Why? (Gen. 34:30)

## Example: Forgive, Genesis 37:23-37, 50:15-21

1. What did Joseph's brothers do to him? (Gen. 37:23-28)
2. What story did the brothers tell their father Jacob about Joseph? (Gen. 37:31-35)
3. When Jacob died, what were Joseph's brothers afraid of? What did they ask Joseph to do? (Gen. 50:15-17)
4. What did Joseph tell his brothers? Do you think that is what God wanted? (Gen. 50:19-21)

## Lessons for us

- There will always be times in our life when people hurt us. You can't avoid getting hurt.
- God says we should not get revenge (Romans 12:17-21). If we get revenge, that only leads to more anger and revenge and relationships fall apart.
- God tells us to forgive the same as He forgives us (Lord's Prayer, Matt. 6:12-15). When we forgive instead of getting revenge, that shows God's love and makes it possible for relationships to heal. If a person needs to be punished, let God do that.

## **Prayers**

Please remember these people in your prayers:

- ✦ Pray for all the people who are still struggling because of the pandemic – people who are unemployed, people who have depression and other mental illness and are having more problems now, those who are high risk because of health problems or because of their work, and many people who feel alone. Ask God to care for them and lead them to trust in Him.
- ✦ Thank God that COVID-19 numbers are coming down. Pray that the vaccines work and the threat of illness continues to decrease.
- ✦ Some of our elected leaders don't want America to follow God, and our culture continues to run away from Him. Pray that God will bring our leaders and our country back to Him and that all Christians will be brave to live their faith and talk about Jesus with unbelievers.
- ✦ Our friend Jack Barnett passed away Feb. 16. Pray that God gives peace and comfort to his family and friends, and gives them the hope and promise of eternal life in Jesus.
- ✦ Ask God to bless people with trust and health: Mollie Schmitz, Doris Harris, Shirley Green, Barbara Zimmerman, James Weber, Jay Oelberg, Jerry Hanson, Kathy Anderson, Rosie Glime, Gary Lewis, Kris Baltzer, Chris Wrage, Sharon Pope, Paula Slavin, Jeanette Kern, Bonnie Lou Huffman, Terry Ann Check, and many family members and friends.
- ✦ Pray for Andy Petajan as he studies to become a pastor, and for his health problems, and for Becky Junglaus as she studies to become a deaconess.
- ✦ Pray for our partner churches in Kenya and India.
- ✦ All shut-ins to keep strong faith in Christ Jesus.



## **March**

- 3 Zakary Anderson
- 10 Pastor Mark Anderson
- 14 Shirley Green
- 21 Theresa Legg  
Mikalah Anderson
- 23 Susan Eckert  
Vicki Hoover
- 24 Conor Huffman
- 26 Jeanette Kern
- 31 Seth Anderson



## **April**

- 2 Joanne Mitchell
- 4 Kim Brenneman
- 10 Joseph Anderson
- 12 David Kern
- 14 Patty Rowray
- 16 Norma Jean Mangrich
- 28 Rachel Eckert

## **Announcements**

Congratulations to Josh and Marianna Hoover on the birth of Rosa Beth Hoover! Mom and baby are doing fine. Thank God for this precious gift!

Wanda McAllister is moving soon to be closer to her sister. We will miss her and pray God's blessings for her move. Jesus always watches over His people, no matter where they live.

Joan Mass's memorial service will be in the afternoon on April 10 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1363 First Ave NW, Cedar Rapids. It will not be at Word of God. The service time is not decided yet.

ILDA is celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this summer in Chicago. You can get registration forms and other info at [www.deafjesus.org/ilda/ILDAconv.html](http://www.deafjesus.org/ilda/ILDAconv.html). Register by March 31 for early bird discount!

Waterloo will not meet for worship or Bible study in March. We plan to meet again in April.

Remember! Our worship services and short Bible studies are online at [www.youtube.com/deaflutheran](http://www.youtube.com/deaflutheran). It has taken a while to get a computer to work with a camera to livestream worship, but we almost have it ready. We will plan to test it March 7 and 14. If everything goes well, we will begin livestreaming Cedar Rapids worship at 11:00 a.m. on March 21. You can always watch the videos any time after that. Please check it out!

### **Answers to Dive Into God's Word, p. 2.**

#### Don't Get Revenge, Genesis 34:1-31

1. Shechem raped Dinah.
2. Shechem wanted to marry Dinah. After the way he hurt her, why would anyone agree to let her marry him? Her father wasn't happy, and her brothers were very angry.
3. Dinah's brothers did not want to let her marry Shechem. They wanted revenge. So they lied and said she could marry him on one condition, that Shechem and all the men in the city had to get circumcised. But they secretly wouldn't let her get married. They only wanted the men to hurt from the circumcision.
4. Simeon and Levi attacked the city and killed everyone. The men were still sore from getting circumcised and they couldn't fight very well, so Simeon and Levi were successful in their attack and getting revenge for Dinah.
5. Only the man Shechem sinned, but Simeon and Levi killed everyone in the city. Jacob was afraid that the nearby towns would come and punish Jacob's family and kill them all. You know that if you get revenge against someone, many times they will still be angry and find a way to get revenge back at you. That is what Jacob was afraid of.

#### Be Patient, 1 Samuel 1:1-18

1. Joseph's brothers sold him as a slave. Joseph became a slave in Egypt.
2. They cut up Joseph's coat and dipped it in blood, then showed it to their father. They wanted him to think a wild animal attacked and killed Joseph.
3. Joseph's brothers were afraid Joseph will want revenge against them. So they asked Joseph to forgive them for their sin.
4. Joseph forgave his brothers and he promised to take care of them. Joseph said it was all God's plan to send him to Egypt. Joseph also said that he is not God, so he can't punish them. That is an important lesson for us. God will punish people who do wrong. We as individuals do not try to punish people.



# March 2021

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<b>7</b> * See below for worship and Bible study times.	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 10:00 QC – Worship  1:00 DU – Study
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<b>28</b> * See below for worship and Bible study times. <b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

BR – Burlington. Concordia Lutheran Church, 2901 Cliff Rd., Burlington. 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday worship at 3:00 p.m.  
 CR – Cedar Rapids. Word of God Lutheran Church Deaf, 1515 - 29<sup>th</sup> St. NE, Cedar Rapids. Every Sunday, Bible Study at 10:00 a.m., Worship at 11:00 a.m.  
 QC – Quad Cities. Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1705 E. Locust St., Davenport. Every Saturday, Worship at 10:00 a.m., Study at 11:15 a.m.  
 WL – Waterloo/Cedar Falls. Immanuel Lutheran Church, 4820 Oster Parkway, Cedar Falls. Not meeting this month.  
 DU – Dubuque. Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2145 John F. Kennedy Rd., Dubuque. 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

# April 2021

				<b>1</b> Maundy Thursday	<b>2</b> Good Friday 3:00 QC – Good Friday Worship 7:00 CR – Good Friday Worship	<b>3</b> 10:00 QC – Worship/Study
<b>4</b> * See below for worship and Bible study times. <b>Happy Easter!</b> <b>Christ is risen!</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  7:00 WL – Worship	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 10:00 QC – Worship  CR – Joan Mass Memorial
<b>11</b> * See below for worship and Bible study times.	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 10:00 QC – Worship/Study  1:00 DU – Study
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# The Lord Will Provide

From [www.armoredpenguin.com/wordsearch](http://www.armoredpenguin.com/wordsearch)

Soon we will remember Jesus' death on a cross and His resurrection from the dead. That is a most wonderful celebration because Jesus did that for us, to save us from sin and promise that we will rise to live with Him forever. With something this important, God didn't just send Jesus and surprise everyone. In the Old Testament, long before Jesus came, God showed what Jesus will do. Genesis 22:1-18 tells the story of Abraham going to Mount Moriah to sacrifice his son Isaac. God made this amazing story happen for us. Then when we see how Jesus died and rose alive again, we can see the story of Abraham and Isaac and know that God planned this long ago. God the Father sacrificed His only Son Jesus to die in our place. The words are from Genesis 22:9-14.

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R B R L A D O S I M A R P N D

When they came to the place that God had told him about, Abraham built the altar and arranged the wood on it. Then he tied up his son Isaac and laid him on top of the wood on the altar. Next, Abraham picked up the knife and took it in his hand to sacrifice his son. But the Angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham! Abraham!"

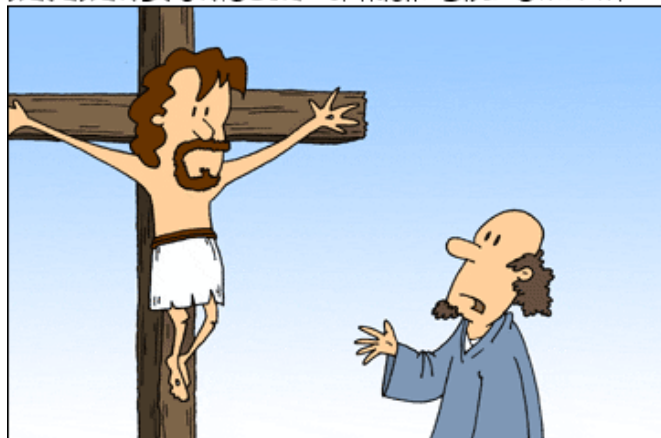
"Yes?" he answered.

"Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you did not refuse to give me your son, your only son."

When Abraham looked around, he saw a ram behind him caught by its horns in a bush. So Abraham took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering in place of his son.

Abraham named that place The Lord Will Provide. It is still said today, "On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided."

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(See John 19:17-37)

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I ALWAYS WONDERED WHAT KIND OF SAVIOUR WOULD LET BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO GOOD PEOPLE ... I GUESS NOW I KNOW