

## LENT DAILY DEVOTIONS

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### Monday

Read Mark 1:9-13. The 40-day period of Lent reflects Christ's 40 days in the wilderness. Today, reflect on the fact that Jesus goes into his 40 days in the wilderness *right after* his baptism. Have you ever experienced a spectacular closeness with God, only to face temptation and tension the very next day? Mark is telling us, so did Jesus! When that happens to you, remember Jesus goes before you. And that God still says to you, even then, "You are my beloved child, whom I love."

### Tuesday

Read Mark 10:32-34 and 45. Last weekend we saw how, for the third time in three chapters, Jesus predicts his death. The major new detail in verse 45 is that we learn not just *that* he will die, but *why*: To give his life as a ransom for many. The word "ransom" in Greek meant to buy the freedom of a slave or prisoner. How were you a slave or prisoner? How did Jesus set you free? How would you *like* him to set you free? Talk to him about it today!

### Wednesday

Read Mark 10:45 again. Imagine: Jesus Christ came to be a ransom... for you! Watch today's daily video and revel in the song we feature that's all about this very fact!

### Thursday

"Truly no man can ransom another, or give to God the price of his life, for the ransom of their life is costly and can never suffice" (Psalm 49:7-8). This verse says no one can ransom a human soul, not even his or her own. We simply cannot pay our sin debt. So where is our hope? Same Psalm, a few verses later: "But *God* will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol" (Psalm 49:15). Sheol is another name for the grave, death, or hell. We owe a debt we cannot pay. But Jesus paid a debt He did not owe, to ransom us from death. Think about that—and give God thanks today!

### Friday

Read Mark 10:35-45. James and John don't get it. They think Jesus will be an earthly king, and so, seeking glory, they want to rule with him. Jesus basically says, "You have no idea what you're asking." Their request is based on ego, but Jesus says he calls us to serve. Think of a simple way you can serve someone today.

### Saturday

Read Mark 11:15-18. The temple leaders plotted to kill Jesus; yet God is always at work behind the scenes! That is true of your life too. Please pray for the weekend services as we discuss this passage.



## PART 1: THE RANSOM

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### Three Times in Mark's Gospel Jesus predicts his own death:

(Jesus) then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that **he must be killed** and after three days **rise again**. He spoke plainly about this... Mark 8:31

He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. **They will kill him**, and after three days **he will rise**." Mark 9:31

They were on their way up to Jerusalem, with Jesus leading the way, and the disciples were astonished, while those who followed were afraid. Again he took the Twelve aside and told them what was going to happen to him. "We are going up to Jerusalem," he said, "and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles, who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later **he will rise**... For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:32-34, 45

### I. THE PRECISION OF CHRIST'S DEATH

Jesus reveals his own trial and death will be:

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## II. THE **PROPHECIES** ABOUT CHRIST'S DEATH

### **His exact death cry predicted**

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Psalm 22:1

### **His clothing will be divided by lot**

"They divide my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment."  
Psalm 22:18

### **He will be mocked as he dies**

All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads. "He trusts in the Lord," they say, "let the Lord rescue him." Psalm 22:7,8

### **His heart will burst and pour out like water**

"I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted within me." Psalm 22:14

### **He will be silent before his accusers**

"He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth." Isaiah 53:7

### **He will be placed in a rich man's grave**

"He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth." Isaiah 53:9

### **His death will not be final**

"Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the Lord makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days. After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by knowledge of him, my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities."  
Isaiah 53:10,11

### **He will die to bring us peace and healing**

"But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed." Isaiah 53:5

## III. THE **PURPOSE** OF CHRIST'S DEATH

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a **ransom** for many." Mark 10:45

"Ransom": Greek *lutron*, to buy the \_\_\_\_\_ of a slave or prisoner

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## **THE BIG IDEA:**

God loves me so much He \_\_\_\_\_ to set me \_\_\_\_\_

## **RESOURCES**

Sermons and books consulted and quoted in this message:

- Tim Keller, *King's Cross* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2011)
- John MacArthur, Sermon: "A Preview of Messianic Suffering"
- Andy Stanley, Sermon: "God Did"