Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday September 18, 2016

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading Mark 15:16-41

Message..... Pastor John Bellingham

MOCKERY AND MAJESTY

Final Song

Benediction

Memory Verses for Junior Church:

Younger Elementary:

<u>Review:</u> "This same Jesus... will come back in the same way you have seen Him go into heaven." -Acts 1:11b

Middle Elementary:

Review: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." - Matthew 28:18-20

Missionary of the Week

Mississauga Prayer Group - Suliman Mohamed

Blessings in Jesus our Lord most compassionate name! We are asking for your help in sending new or used clothing and other articles to people in desperate need in the "Rain Forrest of Guyana and Surinam" and also to Trinidad. We will making shipments to these three places in November. What we are asking is for you to do a clothing drive at your church to help these folks. We will be leaving on September 23 and will not be back until the first week in November. It is then that we will need to collect all the clothing and articles for shipment. We shipped 9 barrels and two bins of clothing and Bibles a few months ago and the report and pictures from this shipment made me cry. Will you please help us help these brothers and sisters of ours in the Lord? If you could spare used pants, shirts, dress, shoes, purse, toys and even canned food. Anything will help.

Families of the Week

Please remember to pray for and to encourage the following people this week

<u>Monday</u>	Robinson, Percy & Sheila Mckalah, Maya, Michael
<u>Tuesday</u>	Sadowski, Stella
<u>Wednesday</u>	Sarides, Costa & Isabel
<u>Thursday</u>	Sarides, Daniella
<u>Friday</u>	Sarides, Nick
<u>Saturday</u>	Schoenfeldt, Darryl & Diane Nathan, Ryan

ROSEDALE BAPTIST CHURCH



Reaching up....

Reaching in....

Reaching out...

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This Week at Rosedale

<u>Tuesday:</u>	Men's Bible Study – 9:30 am
Wednesday:	Prayer and Praise – 7:00 pm
<u>Saturday:</u>	Ladies' Bible Study – 8:00 am
<u>Sunday:</u>	Christian Foundations – 9:00 am Corporate Worship – 10:30 am

<u>Guest Speaker:</u> Next Lord's Day we are privileged to welcome Rev. Keith Edwards who represents Heritage Seminary in Cambridge.

Used Clothing Drive: Beginning next week we will be collecting used clothing for impoverished Christians in Guyana, Surinam and Trinidad. Suliman Mohammed will deliver these items on his upcoming trip in November (see Suliman's request on back page of Bulletin). For more details on this project speak with Anita Nagy.

Small Groups: Rosedale offers several small groups that meet throughout the week for Bible study and prayer. If you are interested in joining one of our small groups this Fall please speak with Pastor John.

Men's Retreat: Our annual men's fishing retreat is scheduled for next weekend (September 23-25). We will be joining several other Churches at a beautiful camp in Parry Sound. Cost will be approximately \$130. If you have not yet confirmed with Pastor John, please speak with him today!

Open Arms Collection: For the month of September we are collecting Mac and Cheese

Mockery and Majesty - Mark 15:16-41

I. The Mockery of the Cross

- 1) Mockery from the Soldiers (vv. 16-20)
 - a. Jesus has already undergone a brutal Roman flagellation that often resulted in death (v. 15)
 - b. Soldiers who witnessed the trial before Pilate dress Him up as a king to further humiliate Him
 - c. Jesus is spit upon and beaten fulfillment of Isaiah 50: 5-7
- 2) Mockery from Pilate (v. 26)
 - a. Pilate affixed a sign to Jesus' cross that read: "The King of the Jews"
 - i. Mockery of Israel's Messianic hope
 - ii. Provocation of the Chief Priests cf. John 19:19-22
 - b. Pilate became an unwitting proclaimer of truth
- 3) Mockery from the Bystanders (vv. 29-30)
 - a. Bystanders repeat the slander brought forward by the false witnesses at Jesus' trial
 - b. Satanic temptation to 'come down'
 - i. It was within Jesus' power to come down from the cross (cf. Matthew 26:53)
 - ii. Jesus did not come to earth save Himself He came to save others! (cf. Mark 10:45)
- 4) Mockery from the Priests (vv. 31-32a)
 - a. Priests verbally testify to Jesus' saving work! More blasphemy of the Holy Spirit
 - b. Priests repeat the satanic temptation
- 5) Mockery from the Thieves (v. 32b)
 - a. Shows the natural hardness of the human heart– rebellion toward God even in death!
 - b. One of the thieves was converted cf. Luke 23

Application: The sovereign plan of God is displayed through the wicked mistreatment of Jesus Christ. In their effort to verbally assault Him, Jesus' enemies end up proclaiming the truth about Him and fulfilling Biblical prophecy.

-Sometimes things can look very dark and grim for the Christian, but don't be alarmed – God is still in control!

II. The Majesty of the Cross

- 1) Simon of Cyrene (v. 21)
 - a. A Jewish pilgrim from Africa (modern Libya)
 - b. Conscripted by the Roman soldiers to carry Jesus' cross down the Via Dolorosa
 - c. Beheld the majesty of Jesus and was converted!
 - i. Rufus and Simon's wife are affectionately mentioned by Paul in Romans 16:13
 - ii. Mark's Gospel was written for the Church in Rome during the time of Nero's persecution
- 2) The Roman Centurion (v. 39)
 - a. Deeply moved by Jesus' final words on the cross
 - b. Saw the majestic glory of Jesus and verbally declared Him to be the 'Son of God'
 - *i.* Foreshadows the great ingathering of Gentiles in the New Covenant
 - *ii.* Brings Mark's Gospel full circle (cf. 1:1)
- *3)* The Women (vv. 40-41)
 - a. Beside John, women were the only followers of Jesus who stayed with Him to the bitter end
 - b. The women who saw Jesus die on the cross were the first to see Him rise again

Application: Everyone witnessed the same gruesome scene of crucifixion but only a few men and women were able to perceive Jesus' true majesty. Salvation is a sovereign work of God's grace in opening sin-blinded eyes to see the majesty of Christ – 2 Corinthians 4:6

III. The Meaning of the Cross

- 1) Supernatural Darkness (v. 33) Jesus was cursed and forsaken by God so that we who believe in Him might be forgiven and set free from our sin.
- 2) The Torn Curtain (v. 38) Jesus' death on the cross grants believers direct access to the Father. He is the true Temple and the only Mediator between God and man. (cf. Hebrews 10:20; 1 Timothy 2:5)