

Catholic Scripture Study Circle: *Living the Kerygma*

Rescued – Part 2

Overview

- Kerygma – proclaiming the Gospel, the Good News!
- CCRR – Created, Captured, Rescued, Response.

- **Created**
 - There is only one God. He’s all good, loving, and powerful.
 - God created us out of love, to be divinized, to be with Him for eternity.
 - We are created in harmony with God, each other, creation, and ourselves.
 - Reckless love of God. He gives us free will, freedom, and capacity to love.

- **Captured**
 - Lucifer, one of the most powerful angel, fell from Heaven because he was envy of God and us.
 - Lucifer has two names: Satan (accuser) and Devil (divider).
 - Satan can’t go after God, so he goes after God’s precious creation – us!
 - Satan’s strategy: “we can’t trust God.” (Genesis 3)
 - The devil’s tactics: accuses, lies, divides, flatters, tempts, and discourages.
 - The devil’s goal: to capture the human race for all eternity.
 - Satan is the *real* Enemy of the human race, not anyone on this earth.
 - Two real powers under the devil’s control to capture us: Sin and Death.
 - This is the really *bad* news.

- **Rescued**
 - Good news: God himself will come to rescue us.
 - God will fight for us. God is our “*goel*”.
 - He sends his only Son, Jesus, our Redeemer, to rescue us from the devil.
 - Jesus comes in disguise – *flesh*.
 - Jesus becoming man is an invasion of the kingdom of sin, death, hell, and Satan, by the stronger kingdom, the Kingdom of God.
 - Jesus is unconquerable!
 - God does all this for you and me, because He loves us!

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Luke 4:18-19

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

Luke 1:68-79

Blessed be the Lord,
The God of Israel;
He has come to His people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
Born of the house of His servant David.

Through His holy prophets He promised of old
That He would save us from our enemies,
From the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers
And to remember His holy Covenant.

This was the oath He swore to our father Abraham:
To set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship Him without fear,
Holy and righteous in His sight
All the days of our life.

You, My child shall be called
The prophet of the Most High,
For you will go before the Lord to prepare His way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation
By the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our Lord
The dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness
And the shadow of death,
And to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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MEDITATION #1: CLAIM BY GOD

Reflection Questions:

1. What does it mean for you to be claim by God?
2. Are there areas of your life that you are not ready to give to the Lord, to trust Him with it? Why or Why not?
3. If there is one thing, during this Lent, that you can trust the Lord with, what would that be?
4. Ask God for the grace to increase your trust and confidence in the Lord during this time.

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Who You Say I Am – *Hillsong Worship*

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?

I was lost, but He brought me in

Oh, His love for me

Oh, His love for me

Who the Son sets free

Oh is free indeed

I'm a child of God, yes I am

Free at last, He has ransomed me

His grace runs deep

While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me

Yes, He died for me

Who the Son sets free

Oh is free indeed

I'm a child of God, yes I am

In my Father's house

There's a place for me

I'm a child of God, yes I am

(3X)

I am chosen, not forsaken

I am who You say I am

You are for me, not against me

I am who You say I am

Oh, I am who You say I am

Yes, I am who You say I am

Who the Son sets free

Oh is free indeed

I'm a child of God, yes I am

(2X)

In my Father's house

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APOSTLE’S CREED

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.

Amen.

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MEDITATION #2: RESCUED

Reflection Questions:

1. How do you see Jesus on the Cross – now versus before?
2. How does Jesus on the Cross as the hunter, not the hunted, change your view of Lent?
3. For the rest of your Lenten journey, what would you do differently now than before, knowing that you, me, the whole human race have been rescued?
4. Jesus is with you now. Looking at you. Smiling at you. What would you say to him?

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In Christ Alone – *Stuart Townend*

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.

No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand:
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.