

Lent 2024 - 5th Sunday

A Parallel Option

March 17, 2024

Lectionary Readings for the 5th Sunday of Lent:
 Jeremiah 31v31-34; Psalm 51v1-12;
 Hebrews 5v5-10; John 12v20-33

How am I, how are you, investing in eternal life?

First, we must define "eternal life".

John 17v3
 And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

Philippians 1v21
 For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain.

Relational & Present
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 Spatial & Future?

Parallel Tracks

v24 - Bios life as something to invest?

v 25 - What if everything is either a tool or an idol?

v 27 - A Jesus who also struggled and in the very least was tempted to give bios life too much weight?

v 28 - There it is; there's the biggest decision of all!

A doorway, an invitation, but not a quick and easy question.

John 12v20-33
 22 Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. 23 Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. 25 Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.
 27 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' 29 The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' 30 Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. 31 Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. 32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people[e] to myself.' 33 He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

What are your "What ifs"??

What if they illustrate the fact that based upon your gifts, your resources, your uniquely you circumstances, investing in eternal life will look different for each of us?

How are you investing in eternal life?

Books: *Our Anglican Heritage* John W. Powell and Sam C. Pascoe; *Lent* by Esau McCaulley
Podcast: *Veritas Forum: Happier Doctor-Healthier Patient?* (March 7, 2024)
Songs: Come to Us Oh Lord, Future/Past, Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me, Confession, I Love You Lord, We Will Follow
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