

Sermon Notes – November 28, 2021

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- ⇒ Peter's bold answer is loaded with _____ implications – Isaiah, Zechariah, Micah, Malachi, etc.
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- ⇒ Jesus understood that His mission was not political or economic or _____. His mission was the gospel! **Romans 3:21-26**
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A Call: Why Are YOU Here? (23-27)

- ⇒ This is the first explicit mention of a cross in Luke's gospel. To follow Jesus is not merely to "sign up" for a trip to heaven, but to join Him on the road to Calvary. What did YOU "sign up" for?
- ⇒ Note the order here: for Jesus and for us: _____ precedes _____!

A Future: Where Are We Headed? (28-36)

- ⇒ In short, _____ awaits! God's presence in full display will be truly glorious. God's presence THEN will not be like NOW – broken, fear-filled, declining, disappointing, loss-oriented. **I Peter 1:3-5**
- ⇒ This text has profound implications for our understanding of death and time and everything that is truly real! **II Corinthians 5:5** ("Swallowed up by life")
- ⇒ Why do you think Peter & James & John "kept silent and told no one"?

Responding to God's Word in Worship & Obedience (37-50)

- ⇒ We still live in a broken world that groans under the crushing weight of sin (**Romans 8:22**). While it would be great to stay on the mountaintop, basking in God's glory, today we are called to join God in His mission to redeem lost men & women from every tribe, tongue, people, and nation. The world will never be fixed apart from Him!
- ⇒ Until then, yes, we groan! We chafe against the suffering, we push back against the encroaching darkness, we groan as creation groans (again, Romans 8). At this Christmas season, what causes your soul to cry out to God? _____
- ⇒ To this broken world, Jesus came as "A Savior For the Nations." How are you "on mission" with Him?

Advent/Communion Worship: December 5, 2021

"The Savior Who Came To A Busy World" (Luke 9:51-10:24)

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