

Fifth Sunday in Lent

- Jer 31:31-34
- John 12:20-33

Jeremiah 31

- ³¹ The days are surely coming, says Yahweh, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.
- ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt-- a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says Yahweh.
- ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says Yahweh: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
- ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know Yahweh," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says Yahweh; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Jeremiah 31:31-34—5th Sunday in Lent

- Days are surely coming--indefinite
- A new covenant? Or a renewed covenant?
- House of Israel **and** House of Judah—There is only one people of God
- Not like the old covenant that they broke even though I was their husband? Baal? Y ytl(b

Details of the renewed covenant

- I will put my law within them
- Write it on their hearts
- Obedience is not “an elective”
- I will be their God, and they shall be my people

What does it mean to **know** Yahweh?

- No longer will they say: **Know** Yahweh!
- They will all **know** me, from the least to the greatest, from the youngest to the oldest, from the little shot to the big shot.

Knowing Yahweh—Jeremiah 22

- ¹³ Woe to him who builds his house by unrighteousness, and his upper rooms by injustice; who makes his neighbors work for nothing, and does not give them their wages;
- ¹⁴ who says, "I will build myself a spacious house with large upper rooms," and who cuts out windows for it, paneling it with cedar, and painting it with vermilion.
- ¹⁵ Are you a king because you compete in cedar? Did not your father eat and drink and do justice and righteousness? Then it was well with him.
- ¹⁶ He presided over the cause of the poor and needy; then it was well. Is not this to **know** me? says Yahweh.

The Consequences of Breaking the Covenant

- Did Jeremiah preach himself into a theological corner?
- ¹⁵ But if you will not obey Yahweh your God by diligently observing all his commandments and decrees, which I am commanding you today, then **all these curses** shall come upon you and overtake you. Deut 28:15

Your only hope is to have a forgetful God.

- I will forgive their iniquity
- I will remember their sin no more.
- Our only hope is to have a forgetful God.
- The Gospel is God's good news for our bad situations.

God remembers—good news and/or bad news

- ¹⁶ When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.“ Gen 9:16
- ²⁸ Then Samson called to Yahweh and said, Yahweh GOD, remember me and strengthen me only this once, O God....Jdg 16:28

John 12:20-33

- Sir, we wish to see Jesus



John 12:20-33

- 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.
- God's self-contradictory and **therefore** saving behavior John 12:24
- Death as a way of gaining life; opposed to not dying and **therefore** remaining unproductive
- Fruit = the people who are coming to Jesus and to God
- The death of Jesus enables his own relationship with God to be possible for others.

John 12

- 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.** John12:27
- Mark 14:36 Remove this cup from me!
- The death of Jesus is an exaltation, because it is the means by which he acts to become spiritually available to those who believe in him.

Glorify your name

- Let your plan be carried out! //Your will be done.
- A voice came from the sky
 - I **have** glorified my name—in the miracles of Jesus, in the ministry of Jesus
 - I **will** glorify my name—in the death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus, in Jesus drawing all people to himself

A new/renewed covenant

- Luke 22:20 This cup poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. Cf. 1 Cor 11:25
- 2 Cor 3:5-6 our competence is of God who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant
- Heb 9:15 a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions under the first covenant
- Heb 12:24 Jesus the mediator of a new covenant