

All Saints Sunday - November 3, 2024

Isaiah 25:6-9

6 - On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

7-8 - He will swallow up death forever.

The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces.

9 - It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Job 19: 25-26 – I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh shall I see God.

Exodus 3: 6 (God to Moses at burning bush) – I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.

Mark 12: 27 (Jesus after wiping out the Sadducees) – He is God not of the dead, but of the living.

Psalms 16: 9-10 (quoted by Peter re Jesus in Acts 2) - Therefore my heart is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also rests secure. For you do not give me up to Sheol or let your faithful one see the Pit.

Daniel 12: 2 – Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

1 Corinthians 15: 25-26 – He must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Revelation 21:1-6a

2 - I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 - And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them.

4 - He will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more."

5 - And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new."

What do these promises mean to you? Which of these promises is most precious to you?

God will dwell with us

He will wipe every tear from your eyes

Death will be no more – mourning and crying and pain will be no more

God will make all things new

Gospel: John 11:32-44

Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a taste and a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.

3-4 – The sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” When Jesus heard it, he said, “This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”

5-6 – Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

17 – When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.

20-22 – When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.”

23-24 – Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.”

25-26 – Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live. Do you believe this?”

27 – She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

32 - When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

33 - When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.

34-35 - He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep.

38-39 - Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.”

39-41 – Martha said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone.

41-42 - Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.”

43 - When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”

44 - The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”