

Message Notes for 3-22-20
Against All Odds - part 3
Isaiah 53:12

Hebrews 12:1-2 (NIV) ¹ *Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.*

² *Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

- _____ our eyes on _____!

Isaiah 53:12 (NIV) ¹² *Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.*

- Jesus was numbered with the _____!

A. What are the odds that God's anointed one would be counted among criminals?

1. Jesus was _____ to a man named Barabbas.

Matthew 27:15-26 (NIV) ¹⁵ *Now it was the governor's custom at the Feast to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd.*

¹⁶ *At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas.*

¹⁷ *So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate asked them, "Which one do you want me to release to you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?"*

¹⁸ *For he knew it was out of envy that they had handed Jesus over to him.*

¹⁹ *While Pilate was sitting on the judge's seat, his wife sent him this message: "Don't have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him."*

²⁰ *But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask*

for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed.

²¹ *"Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" asked the governor. "Barabbas," they answered.*

²² *"What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called Christ?" Pilate asked. They all answered, "Crucify him!"*

²³ *"Why? What crime has he committed?" asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, "Crucify him!"*

²⁴ *When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. "I am innocent of this man's blood," he said. "It is your responsibility!"*

²⁵ *All the people answered, "Let his blood be on us and on our children!"*

²⁶ *Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.*

2. Jesus was crucified between two _____

Matthew 27:27-38 (NIV) ²⁷ *Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him.*

²⁸ *They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him,*

²⁹ *and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand and knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said.*

³⁰ *They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again.*

³¹ *After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.*

³² *As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross.*

³³ *They came to a place called Golgotha (which means The Place of the Skull).*

³⁴ *There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it.*

³⁵ *When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots.*

³⁶ *And sitting down, they kept watch over him there.*

³⁷ *Above his head they placed the written charge against him: THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS.*

³⁸ *Two robbers were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left.*

Luke 23:39-43 (NIV) ³⁹ *One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!"*

⁴⁰ *But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence?"*

⁴¹ *We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."*

⁴² *Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."*

⁴³ *Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."*

B. Why would God allow his Son to be numbered with transgressors?

1. Because Jesus was _____ transgressor
2. But _____ are!
3. Because God wants us to know that no matter how low we have gone, Jesus _____ for us!

Philippians 2:5-8 (NIV) ⁵ *Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:*

⁶ *Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,*

⁷ *but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.*

⁸ *And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross!*

C. How far Jesus came:

1. He was _____ with God.
2. He made himself _____
3. He took on _____

4. He took on himself the nature of a _____

5. He became _____ to the point of death!

6. He became obedient to death on a _____

7. He humbled himself to transgressor _____!

Why did Jesus come that far?

Isaiah 53:12 (NIV) ¹² *... For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.*

- Jesus _____ our _____!
- The cross and death of Jesus is all the _____ of God.

Philippians 2:9-11 (NIV) ⁹ *Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

Jesus has been exalted to the _____ place!

1. God _____ him up!
2. God gave him a name _____ every name!
3. Every knee in _____ will bow!
4. Every knee on _____ will bow!
5. Every knee _____ the earth will bow!
6. EVERY tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is _____
7. The _____ will get all the glory!