Good Friday 2023

Sermon: The Wonder of His Sacrifice

Teacher: Eric Ryan **Date:** April 7, 2023

Ephesians 2:1-3 (ESV)

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins

² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—

³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

Romans 5:6-9 (ESV)

- ⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.
- ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—
- ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
- ⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

John 10:18 (ESV)

¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

And just so the death of Christ is a revelation of His kingly power, for His death was not a fate He had to undergo, but a deed which He Himself willingly and voluntarily achieved.

-Herman Bavinck "Wonderful Works of God"

Philippians 3:8-11 (ESV)

- ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ
- ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—
- ¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,
- "that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.