

The Big Story

Lent and Holy Week

Week Four

20 Monday

Exodus 14:13-14, 21-28

John 4:4-14

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21 Tuesday

Deuteronomy 5:1-22

Mark 12:28-34

and God led the people to the mountain of God, and gave them ten best ways to live, and God said, "I am to be your top priority, nothing else; respect my name and spend time with me; respect your parents and life and marriage and property and truth, and do not let possessions possess you" ...

22 Wednesday

Joshua 24:14-18

Matthew 6:6-13, 19-21, 24

and Joshua led God's people across the Jordan into the land of promise, and said, "Choose today whom you will worship – the gods of the nations around you or The Lord your God – as for me, I will worship The Lord"; and the people turned away to other gods ...

23 Thursday

Judges 2:6-11, 16-19

Ruth 1:1, 15-17

and God's people were oppressed by the nations around and cried out in their misery, and God had pity and raised up judges to rescue them, yet the people soon forgot The Lord and turned to other gods; and Ruth travelled to Bethlehem and said, "your people will be my people and your God, my God", and she became the great-grandmother of David ...

24 Friday

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Psalm 36

and Samuel heard God calling in the night and answered, "Speak Lord, your servant is listening", and the people would not hear God and demanded a king like the nations around them; and Samuel anointed Saul, a tall and handsome man, and Saul became powerful and departed from God's ways, and God rejected Saul as king ...

25 Saturday

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-12

Psalm 23

and God chose David, a shepherd boy, to be king saying, "mortals look at the outside appearance, but I look at the heart"; and David slew Goliath and led Saul's army, and Saul became angry at David's success and David fled from his wrath; and Saul died and David became king and sang, "The Lord is my shepherd, I need nothing more" ...

26 Fourth Sunday in Lent

2 Samuel 12:1-9, 13a

1 John 1:8-10

but David strayed from God's ten best ways to live, and he did wrong, and he covered the wrong with more wrong, and the wrongs grew to a mighty tower that fell and crushed him; and David, the man after God's own heart, knew he had failed the God he loved.

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