

The Big Story

Week Five

Lent and Holy Week

27 Monday

Psalm 51

Psalm 103:1-12

And David confessed his wrong and turned back to God, and God created a clean heart in David and took his sin further away than the east is from the west, for The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and overflowing with strong and steady love ...

28 Tuesday

1 Kings 11:1-6, 11-13

Mark 10:17-27

and David's son, Solomon, became king, and Solomon built a temple for The Lord his God; and became rich and wandered from God's ways and followed the gods of the nations around; and God divided Solomon's kingdom in two: Israel and Judah; and many kings came after who did not follow The Lord their God ...

29 Wednesday

1 Kings 18:17-21, 25-39

Acts 26:13-18

and God called Elijah to turn the hearts of the people back to The Lord their God, and Elijah mocked the prophets of Baal whose sacrifice lay untouched saying, "Perhaps your god is on holiday!", and Elijah's offering was consumed by fire from heaven ...

30 Thursday

1 Kings 19:4-12

Psalm 46

and Elijah fled from the king's anger, exhausted and afraid, and an angel tended him; and Elijah came to the mountain of God, and God spoke to Elijah – not in the wind that shattered rocks, nor in the earthquake, nor in the fire, but in the sound of utter silence ...

31 Friday

Isaiah 6:1-8

Isaiah 9:6-7

and God called Isaiah saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" and Isaiah replied, "Here am I, send me"; and God sent Isaiah to draw the peoples' hearts back to The Lord their God; and Isaiah warned of exile and spoke of God's rescue and of a child named 'God is with us', 'Wonderful Counsellor', 'Prince of Peace' ...

32 Saturday

2 Kings 17:12-15, 22-23

Proverbs 3:5-12

and still the kingdom of Israel still turned away from God: they trusted in human strength, they chased after false idols and themselves became false, and God sent Assyrian armies and removed them from his sight, and they were gone; and the armies also threatened the kingdom of Judah, and the king called upon The Lord, and The Lord rescued them ...

33 Fifth Sunday in Lent

2 Chronicles 36:15-20

Psalm 137:1-6

but despite the words of the prophets, and the kings who followed God's ways, eventually Judah also turned away from The Lord their God; and God sent them into captivity in a foreign land, and God's temple was destroyed, and for seventy years the people of God mourned for Jerusalem beside the river in Babylon ...

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