

## **Memorize & Ponder**

**Jan 10, 2016**

**Memorize & Ponder Text – Luke 3:19-20**

**(Full Reading – Luke 3:15-22)**

**Week of Jan 3-10, 2016**

### **Preaching the Good News**

#### **Luke 3:19-20 (NRSV)**

But Herod the ruler,  
who had been rebuked by him  
because of Herodias, his brother's wife,  
and because of all the evil things that Herod has done,  
added to them all by shutting up John in prison.  
(Luke 3:19-20)

*Throughout the Christian year of 2016, until Advent, we will be focusing on the theme of 'Following Jesus in a Fearful and Divided World.' Our Scripture readings and Memorize & Ponder texts will be taken from the Gospels of Luke and John. We invite you to **listen** for what the Spirit is saying in the text, then **question** how those insights might change the ways you see things and act in the world. Share your thoughts during the week on the meaning the Spirit creates for you in this text by posting a comment on our website – [www.brentwoodpc.ca](http://www.brentwoodpc.ca).*

## **Ponderings for Daily Theologians**

*Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us provoke one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together ... (Hebrews 10:23-25a)*

### **This Week's Word for Daily Theologians = Beloved**

There is an interesting flow of thinking in Luke's gospel.  
We hear about the preaching of John the Baptist,  
the 'winnowing' or sorting out  
of the good from the evil.

But this is nothing compared to what will come  
in the work and witness of Jesus of Nazareth,  
God's Beloved Son.

He will be and bring the Word of God,  
the Good News of blessing and deliverance,  
with a power that John cannot touch.  
He will be Emmanuel, God's Beloved,  
God with us, full of grace and truth.

What kinds of evil in our world  
does this Gospel challenge –  
in your own lives,  
in our community,  
in our country,  
in the international community?  
Let's ponder that this week  
and imagine what we'd like to see happen  
as we follow Jesus into God's future.

### **Gratitude for Grace Noticed this Week**

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