

Memorize & Ponder

Jan 31, 2016

Memorize & Ponder Text – Luke 4:28-29

(Full Reading – Luke 4:22-30)

Week of Jan 24-31, 2016

Rejecting Jesus

Luke 4:28-29 (NRSV)

When they heard this,
all in the synagogue were filled with rage.
They got up, drove him out of the town,
and led him to the brow of the hill
on which their town was built,
so that they might hurl him off the cliff.

*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.*

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)

A Word for Daily Theologians = Rage

Have you ever been outraged at Jesus,
at what God is demanding of you in Jesus Christ?

It's certainly not a common characteristic
among Canadian Christians, in my experience.

We're just a bit too nice,
too polite.

But Jesus stirred up some serious rage
in his own time.

It got him executed as a criminal.
It got his followers executed as subversives.
It still gets Christians persecuted around the world.

We can be deeply grateful
for the freedom we enjoy to practice and proclaim our faith
in the places where we live and work.

But we do have to be mindful,
if we are to follow Jesus truly,
of just what kinds of changes he is inviting us to make
in our ways of living.
Outrage may be a sign of changes that you are resisting.
Give it some thought this week.

Gratitude for Grace Noticed this Week

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