

Memorize & Ponder

Apr 17, 2016 – 3rd Sun after Easter

Memorize & Ponder Text – John 10:22-24

(Full Reading – John 10:22-30)

Week of Apr 10-17, 2016

The Winter of our Discontents

John 10:22-24 (NRSV)

At that time the festival of the Dedication
took place in Jerusalem.

It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple,
in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him
and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense?
If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.”

*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 = Messiah

My friends in Toronto and Montreal this past week
have been living through the last blast of winter.

At least they hope they.

Bleak, threatening, and frigid –

That’s what winter often appears to be for us.

It was probably a bit warmer in Palestine
that day described in our text.

But it was still winter.

And the reception Jesus got was frigid and threatening.

“Tell us you’re the Messiah,” they demanded.

We have to know that you were sent
to deal with all our discontents!

But Jesus knew they would not understand
until he showed them how the Messiah worked.

Even then, most of them rejected him.

How can the Messiah that Jesus revealed himself to be
bring spring to the winter of our discontents?

Gratitude for Grace Noticed this Week

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