

Pastor to People

Holy scriptures readings for March 22nd, 2026 [Fifth Sunday in Lent]



Ezekiel 37: 1-14

[Ezekiel 37: 1-14 ESV - The Valley of Dry Bones - The hand of - Bible Gateway](#)

There is a double meaning in this vision, the first is for Israel at the time of the vision, that being that God will rescue them out of captivity and bring them back to the Promise Land. The second is for all people in Christ, that on the last day, He will raise the living and the dead until eternal life. Yes, again eternity is the view and end game of this text, God cares to have you His creation with Him, so He will bring you from death to life.

Romans 8: 1-11

[Romans 8: 1-11 ESV - Life in the Spirit - There is therefore - Bible Gateway](#)

There is no damnation for those in Christ Jesus, we are freed from the punishment of the Law, for Christ has paid its price, death. Death is what the law needs, it is the telos (the final end) of sin, all sin if not atoned for leads to eternal death. But for those who have received Christ, that price is paid for and our focus is guided on him, and His Word, and His peace, and therein we have eternal life.

John 11

[John 11 ESV - The Death of Lazarus - Now a certain - Bible Gateway](#)

Within this chapter we see the shortest verse in scripture, verse 35 "Jesus wept." Some small practical joker confirmands will sometimes pick this verse as their confirmation verse sense it would be easy to remember. But for as short as this verse this, it is powerful, here we the humanity that Christ has assumed into Himself come out, we see the love and compassion of our savior. This is the reaction of our savior when a sinner dies in his sin, lost for eternity, it hurts Him, He weeps, this is why He cares for you, so that He and the Father need not weep over you, but rather, rejoices as you live and walk in Him.

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