

Silent Witnesses

March 1st, 2023 - **Witness:** The Robe
With Rev. Peter Leonard

Welcome!

Prayer of the Day

First Lesson Isaiah 53:1-3

53 Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

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² For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, *There is no beauty that we should desire Him.*

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³ He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, *our* faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

Second Lesson 2 Peter 1:13-21

¹³ Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding *you*,

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¹⁴ knowing that shortly I *must* put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me.

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¹⁵ Moreover I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease.

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¹⁶ For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty.

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¹⁷ For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

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18 And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

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19 And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;

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20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation,

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21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke *as they were* moved by the Holy Spirit.

Theme Hymn - Video - Were You There When they Crucified My Lord?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7p2GgYDnYcc>

Theme Reading: Matthew 27:27-30

27 Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole garrison around Him.

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28 And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him.

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29 When they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put *it* on His head, and a reed in His right hand. And they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!"

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30 Then they spat on Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the head.

Presentation by Rev. Peter Leonard

Small Group Discussion

Group Sizes 5-7 please

Questions - The Robe

1. What did the presentation stir up in you?
2. What did you see in the personality of the robe?
3. The Robe was created from the finest of everything, and the greatest care was used to make it perfect.
 - a/ What happened to change its status from Royal Robe to royal rag?
 - b/ Are there similarities to our own life experiences?
4. What was the reaction of the Robe when taken from the safe environment of the discard pile to the hostile environment of the Courtyard? Why?
5. Does the 'mocking' of Jesus exist today? If so, can you give some examples?

6. What did the Robe mean when he said “the wrinkles on the **outside** disappeared on the **inside**?”

7. “... the stains seemed to **show up twice as clearly** as I lay there on His shoulders.”

Can you explain what is meant here?

8. All this talk of **wrinkles** and **stains**, how does this relate to human experience?

9. What does he mean by, **You’ve been washed in the Blood**?

Re-Gather in Plenary Session

Closing Prayer & Dismissal