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(Refrain)

But I know whom I have believed,
And am persuaded that He is able.
To keep that which I've committed,
Unto Him against that day.

*Postlude

BLIND JUSTICE

Luke 22:66-71

- I. Jesus questioned by the religious authorities (the council of the elders of the people). (66)
 - A. Chief priests and teachers of the law.
 - B. Their verdict was final even before Jesus spoke a word.
- II. Their focus: 'affirm your blaspheme.' (67-70)
 - A. "If you are the Christ...tell us"
 - B. "Are you the Son of God?"
- III. Christ's response to the religious leaders: (67-70)
 - A. You reject the truth.
 - B. You have stopped thinking.
 - C. You do not have the power to create your own reality.
 - D. You are talking to one with greater authority...
- IV. The religious leaders left content ... but totally lost in their own darkness. (71)
- V. Application: Three cautions –
 - A. Do not reject the truth due to your preconceived ideas.
 - B. Do not stop learning by ignoring God's Word.
 - C. Why would we want to live in 'our reality' when we are invited to live in 'God's reality?'

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*Hymn No. 350 *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* (vs 1, 4)

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to take Him at His word,
Just to rest upon His promise, just to know "Thus saith the Lord."
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus, Precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more.

I'm so glad I learned to trust Him, Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that He is with me, Will be with me to the end.
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus, Precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more.

*Hymn No. 512 *My Savior's Love* (vs. 1)

I stand amazed in the presence Of Jesus the Nazarene.
And wonder how He could love me, A sinner, condemned, unclean.
How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be.
How marvelous! How wonderful! Is my Savior's love for me.

*Invocation

Leader: Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the
conviction of things not seen. (Hebrews 11:1)

ALL: **For by it men of old gained approval.** (Hebrews 11:2)

Leader: ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through
faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of
God—⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. (Eph
2:8-9)

ALL: ⁶ **And without faith it is impossible to please God,
because anyone who comes to him must believe that
he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek
him.** (Hebrews 11:6)

Leader: ³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a

living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from
the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish,
spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who through faith
are shielded by God's power until the coming of the
salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In
this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you
may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.

ALL: ⁷ **These have come so that your faith—of greater worth
than gold, which perishes even though refined by
fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise,
glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.**

Leader: ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even
though you do not see him now, you believe in him and
are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹ for you
are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your
souls. (I Peter 1:3-9)

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⁶⁶ At daybreak the council of the elders of the people, both the
chief priests and teachers of the law, met together, and Jesus was led
before them. ⁶⁷ "If you are the Christ," they said, "tell us."

Jesus answered, "If I tell you, you will not believe me, ⁶⁸ and if I
asked you, you would not answer. ⁶⁹ But from now on, the Son of
Man will be seated at the right hand of the mighty God."

⁷⁰ They all asked, "Are you then the Son of God?"

He replied, "You are right in saying I am."

⁷¹ Then they said, "Why do we need any more testimony? We
have heard it from his own lips."

Morning Sermon

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*Hymn No. 405 *My Faith Has Found a Resting Place*

My faith has found a resting place — not in device nor creed;
I trust the Ever-living One — His wounds for me shall plead.
I need no other argument, I need no other plea;
it is enough that Jesus died, and that He died for me.

Enough for me that Jesus saves—this ends my fear and doubt;
A sinful soul I come to Him—He'll never cast me out.
I need no other argument, I need no other plea;
it is enough that Jesus died, and that He died for me.

My heart is leaning on the Word—the written Word of God;
Salvation by my Savior's name—salvation thru His blood.
I need no other argument, I need no other plea;
it is enough that Jesus died, and that He died for me.

My great Physician heals the sick; the lost He came to save;
For me His precious blood He shed; for me His life He gave.
I need no other argument, I need no other plea;
it is enough that Jesus died, and that He died for me.

The Offering of Thanks and Praise

Offertory

Morning Prayer

Hymn No. 410 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* (vs. 1, 3)

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine;
Now hear me when I pray, take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day be wholly Thine!

While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my guide; Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray from Thee aside.

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