

"God's Sovereignty Over Wicked Men and Wicked Actions"
Luke 13:31-35

*"As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today." (Genesis 50:20; cf. Job 42:2). "I tell you, My friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do." (Luke 12:4). "Since his days are determined, and the number of his months is with You, and You have appointed his limits that he cannot pass."
(Job 14:5; cf. 1 Chronicles 10:4-5,13-14)*

"For truly in this city there were gathered together against Your holy servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, to do whatever Your hand and Your plan had predestined to take place." (Acts 4:27-28)

- *"Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill You."*
 - Herod was powerless to kill Jesus: *"Jesus answered him, 'You would have no authority over Me at all unless it had been given you from above.'" (John 19:11)*
 - To call someone a "fox" was similar to calling them a nuisance or a pest.
 - Jesus was not going to let Herod keep Him from His mission: *"No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of My own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again...." (John 10:18)*
 - Because Jesus was the sacrifice for our sins, he would die in Jerusalem (Luke 9:51).
- *"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it."*
 - *"Then the officials said to the king, 'Let this man (Jeremiah) be put to death....'" (Jeremiah 38:4)*
 - *"But they conspired against him (Zechariah), and by command of the king they stoned him with stones in the court of the house of the LORD." (2 Chronicles 24:21)*
 - *"Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him (Stephen)." (Acts 7:54)*
 - *"The LORD, the God of their fathers, sent persistently to them by His messengers, because He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place. But they kept mocking the messengers of God, despising His words and scoffing at His prophets, until the wrath of the LORD rose against His people, until there was no remedy." (2 Chronicles 36:15-16)*
- *"Behold, your house is forsaken."*
 - *"A partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in." (Romans 11:25b)*
- *"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."*
 - *"And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on Me, on Him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for Him.... On that day there shall be a fountain opened for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and uncleanness." (Zechariah 12:10a;13:1)*

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** Throughout the month of September, we are partnering with Heartbeats to collect items to help stock their on-site Boutique. For more information about this collection, please see the September Newsletter. **NEXT Sunday is the LAST day for this collection!**

★**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH:** We are having a Fellowship Lunch TODAY, immediately following the worship service. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the food and the fellowship with us.

★**CHURCH GAME NIGHT:** Our Monthly Church Game Night is NEXT Sunday, September 28th, at Andy's house (1062 National Road SE; Hebron), starting at 5pm. Please bring your favorite board and/or card games to play. Dinner will not be provided, so please make sure to bring a food item of some sort to share with everyone!

★**HARVEST PARTY/CHILI COOK-OFF:** Mark your calendars and plan on attending our upcoming Harvest Party on Saturday, October 18th, starting at 5pm, here at the church! This will be an evening of fun for the whole family! There will be games and activities for the kids and a Chili Cook-Off for the adults!

★ ★ **CANDY COLLECTION:** We are doing a candy collection to help supply candy for this event. Please bring in individually wrapped, snack-sized bags of candy and put the candy in the tote at the back of the sanctuary.

★**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** The Children's Ministry is in need of **FOUR** volunteers! If you are a Church Member and are interested in or have questions about serving in the Children's Ministry, please see Katie Sapp.