

*****NAME TAGS, PLEASE *****

50+ Sunday Class

All Saints Presbyterian Church
Austin, TX

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***** Sit UP FRONT & TOGETHER, PLEASE**

Because You Asked . . .
Your Questions & Topics

All Saints Presbyterian Church

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Winter 2024

Taught by Rev. Craig Chapman

50+ Schedule – Winter-Spring

Songs of Praise

Prayer

“Because You Asked”

Because You Asked – 2/4/24

50+ Schedule – Winter-Spring 2024

February

- Fri, 2/9 – **Dinners for 9+** – 6:30-9:30 PM in various homes.
(Note: Registration is now closed, but we'll do it again.)

March

- Fri, 3/22 – **St. John Neumann Dome**. 12:30 Mass. Tour. Lunch.
(Tentative – to be confirmed)

April

- Mon-Tue, 4/22-23 – **Annual Retreat** – at the *TexasRetreat.com*
Guest Speaker: Dr. Craig R. Higgins.

May

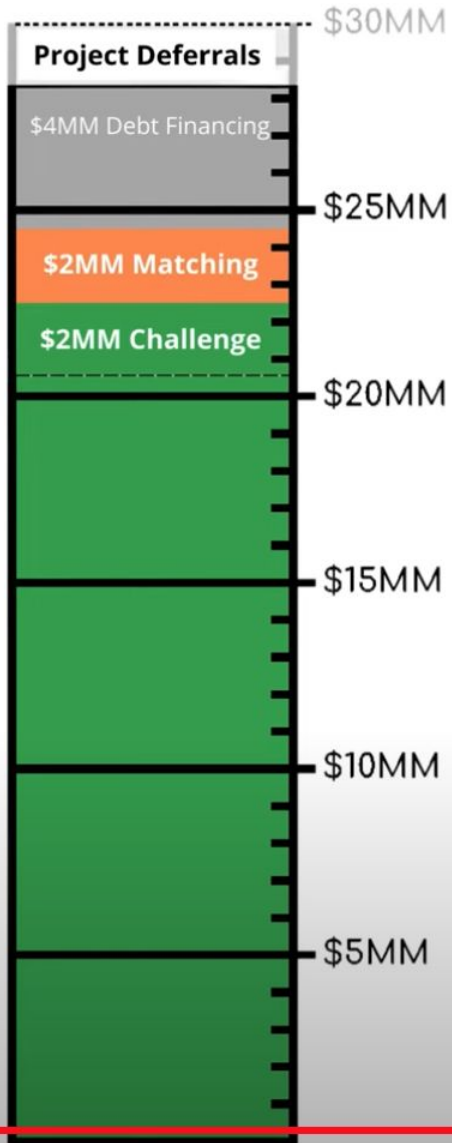
- Wed, 5/8 – **Bat Boat Cruise** – *lonestarriverboat.com* @
Congress Ave Bridge. 5 PM dinner. 7-8:45 PM cruise.

Because You Asked – 2/4/24

Proverbs 3:5-6

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways acknowledge Him,
and He shall direct your paths.*

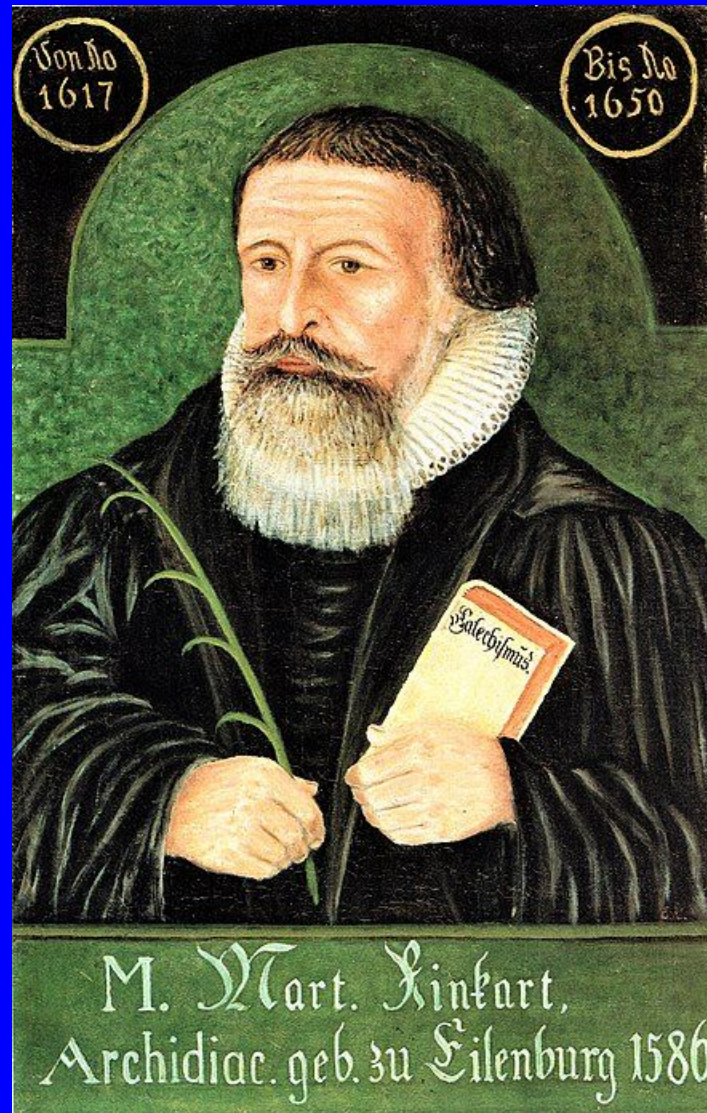
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**Matching Challenge
to be met (your part!):
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NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

Martin Rinkart



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Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

Martin Rinkart

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
To keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills of this world in the next.

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

Martin Rinkart

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given;
The Son and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven;
The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

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“Because You Asked”

Because You Asked – 2/4/24

- 9/10 – *Because You Asked #17* – “...he descended into hell.”
- 9/17 – *Because You Asked #18* – How saved? Abrahamic Faith.
- 9/24 – *Because You Asked #19* – Ditto. Yahweh v. Allah.

- 10/1 – *Because You Asked #20* – Heaven & Dogs.
- 10/8 – *Because You Asked #21* – Heaven II
- 10/15 – Guest Teacher: Dr. Bill Walker, Dir. of Hill House at UT
- 10/22 – *Because You Asked #23* – Heaven III & Rewards
- 10/29 – *Because You Asked #24* – Assurance of Salvation

- 11/5 – *Because You Asked #25* – Nature of Jesus. Trinity.
- 11/12 – *Because You Asked #26* – Jesus’ Family. Original Sin.
- 11/19 – Guest Teacher: Rev. Michael Barber. Early Christianity.
- 11/26 – *Because You Asked #27* – Original Sin 2.

- 1/7 – *Because You Asked #28* – Meaning of the Cross.
- 1/14 – *Because You Asked #29* – Meaning of Theology Terms.
- 1/21 – *Because You Asked #30* – Theology Terms II. Eucharist I.
- 1/28 – *Because You Asked #31* – Eucharist Distribution.

- 2/4 – *Because You Asked #31* – Intertestamental Period.
- 2/11 – Guest Teacher – Dr. Bo White
- 2/18 – *Because You Asked #32* –
- 2/25 – *Because You Asked #33* –

- 3/3 – *Because You Asked #34* –
- 3/10 – *Because You Asked #35* –
- 3/17 – *Because You Asked #36* –
- 3/24 – *Because You Asked #37* –
- 3/31 – Easter – No Class

Because You Asked – 2/4/24

Sacraments—Q30—Distribution of the Eucharist—Why may only ordained elders serve bread? Why can't anyone?

Because You Asked – 2/4/24

Church History

—Q31—What happened between the Old and New Testament?
(Intertestamental Period—500 BC-4BC—politically, militarily,
religiously)

—Q32—Define & Distinguish: Coptic; Orthodox (Eastern,
Greek, Russian); Roman Catholic; Protestant; Evangelical

—Q33—Are the following Christian?—Mormon? Jehovah's
Witness? Christian Scientist? Scientologist? Unitarian? Deist?
Seventh-Day Adventist?

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Church History—Q31—Intertestamental Period—500 BC-4BC

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Church History—Q31—Intertestamental Period—500 BC-4BC

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 - *pleroma* = fullness of time.
 - All (Redemptive) History – preparing, moving, pregnant & growing, pointing, ripening to the Coming of Jesus Christ

Church History—Q31—Intertestamental Period—500 BC-4BC

- ~ 2100 BC – Call of Abram
- ~ 1880 BC ~ 1440 BC – Israel in Egypt
- ~ 1440 BC ~ 440 BC – Old Testament: Genesis to Malachi
- ~ 400 years – Silence
- 4 BC – 95 AD – Matthew to Revelation

Church History—Q31—Intertestamental Period—500 BC-4BC

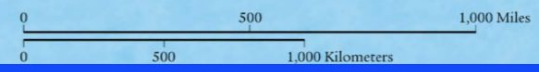
- 1400 BC – Israel enters Canaan
- 1350 BC ~ 1050 BC – Judges
- 1110 BC – 970 BC – King David
- 965 – 586 BC – “**First Temple Period**” (~ 400 years)
 - 722 BC – Israel conquered & relocated to Assyria (Iraq)
- 586 - 538 – Judah conquered & exiled to **Babylon** (Persia/Iran)

Persian Empire: 539 - 333 BC

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THE PERSIAN EMPIRE

- City
- Perimeter boundary of the Persian Empire
- Persian Royal Road
- Heartland of Persia/Persis (when Cyrus ascended the throne)
- Territories gained by Cyrus (550 BC)
- Territories gained by Cyrus (547 BC)
- Territories gained by Cyrus (539 BC)
- Territories gained by Cambyses II
- Territories temporarily gained by Xerxes I



Church History—Q31—Intertestamental Period—500 BC-4BC

- 538 BC – 70 AD – “**Second Temple Period**”
 - Jerusalem almost continually controlled by another empire
 - Assyrians ... Babylonians ... Persians ... Greeks ... Romans
 - Israel struggled to survive
 - ... a political football sought after by the world’s powers
 - 515 BC – Completion & Dedication of the Second Temple
 - 445 BC – Jerusalem walls rebuilt under Nehemiah
 - End of the Old Testament
 - Return to Jerusalem & *Diaspora* (e.g., Persia; Egypt; etc)

Church History—Q31—Intertestamental Period—500 BC-4BC

- 539 – 332 BC – **Persian** Period (Persian Rule)
- 333 – 167 BC – **Hellenistic** Period (Greek Rule)
 - Ptolemies (Ptolemy)
 - Seleucids (Seleucus)
- 167 – 63 BC – **Hasmonean** Period (Maccabean Rule)
- 63 BC – 313 AD – **Roman** Period (Roman Rule)



Thrace

Macedonia

BLACK SEA

CASPIAN SEA

*Territory
Conquered
by Alexander
the Great*

Bactria

*Asia
Minor*

Athens

Carchemish

Mesopotamia

Ecbatana

Persia

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

Tyre

Babylon

Susa

Egypt

Alexandria

Persepolis

Gedrosia

Thebes

RED SEA

ARABIAN SEA

**MACEDONIAN
EMPIRE**
323 B.C.E.

Church History—Q31—Intertestamental Period—500 BC-4BC

- 333 – 167 BC – **Hellenistic Period** (Greek Rule)
 - 331-323 – Alexander the Great (24-33 yo). Son of Macedonian King Philip. Conquered Persian Empire. Student of Aristotle.
 - Aristotle – passion for unity and a cohesive Greco-world
 - Alexander's conquests
 - Vision: unify world (language, philosophy, cultural mores)

Church History—Q31—Intertestamental Period—500 BC-4BC

- Hellenization success
 - 150 BC – OT Greek Septuagint (LXX)
 - Greek NT – often quotes the LXX
 - **Ekklesia** = *ek* (“out of”) + *kaleo* (“to call”)
= “*the called out assembly*” = Heb: *qahal*
= *multitude, company, congregation, assembly*

Church History—Q31—Intertestamental Period—500 BC-4BC

- 323 BC – Alexander died (33 yo) & Greek Empire divided:
 - Ptolemies – ruled over Egypt & Palestine
 - Seleucids – ruled over Syria, etc.
 - (and 2 other generals)
- 320 – Ptolemy I of Egypt annexed Syria into Palestine



Venedae (Slavs)

Hsi-n-li

Sarmatian Tribes

Scythians

Alans (Aorsi)

Ko-kun

Dacians

Getae

Othia

Creek Colonies

Bosporus

Siraceni

Legae

Apasiacae

Khurasani

Saceans (Scythians)

Illyrians

Macedon

Thracians

Pontus

Colchis

Iberians

Alban

Massagetae

6

8

Armenia

Atropatene

Parthia

Greco-Bactrian Kingdom

Kashmir

Ptolemaic Empire

Seleucid Empire

Empire

Palmyra

Nabataea

Maurya Empire

Madags

Arabian Tribes

Gercha

Mascat (Oman)

Meroe

Ma'in

Blennytes

Tribes

Saba

Hadramaut

Darzet

Qataban

Seleucid Empire in 200 BC

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Pandyas

Church History—Q31—Intertestamental Period—500 BC-4BC

- 198 – **Seleucids** got control of Palestine under **Antiochus III**.
 - Imposed Hellenization on the Jews.
 - Resisted by Hasidians (pious; orthodox; conservative)
 - Various Jewish groups arose to resist Hellenization & maintain Jewish traditions (e.g., Pharisees; Essenes)
 - Pharisees = “Separated ones” = zealous & obedient to OT law (original Puritans). Degenerated by Jesus’ time.

Church History—Q31—Intertestamental Period—500 BC-4BC

- 175 – **Antiochus (IV) Epiphanes** (“*God manifest*”)
 - Encroaching threat of Romans □ unify by Hellenizing
 - Implemented radical anti-Jewish law
 - Declared Sabbath observance, Circumcision, & Scripture possession to be Capital Crimes
 - Antiochus “*Epimanes*” (*the Insane*) = Hitler of 2nd C BC
- **167** – Antiochus Epiphanes overthrew priesthood, worship, set up a Zeus idol in the Jerusalem Temple & sacrificed a pig on the Altar (Dan 11 & 12: “*abomination of desolation*”)

Church History—Q31—Intertestamental Period—500 BC-4BC

- 167 – 63 BC – **Hasmonean Period** (Maccabean Rule)
 - 164 – Maccabean Revolt – Mattathias Hashmon (& 5 sons)
 - Judah the Maccabee – defeated Seleucids, won concessions – reopened, purified, & rededicated the Temple & restored worship (celebrated in Hanukkah).
 - 1 Maccabees in the Apochrypha
 - 142 BC – brothers Jonathan & Simon gained Judea's freedom
 - Jonathan claimed the High Priesthood (non-priestly line)
 - Essenes (strict) □ Qumran (1947 AD – Dead Sea Scrolls)
 - Sadducees

The Roman Empire

in 117 AD, at its greatest extent



Church History—Q31—Intertestamental Period—500 BC-4BC

- 63 BC – 313 AD – **Roman Period** (Roman Rule)
 - 63 – Jerusalem is captured by Roman general Pompey
 - 37 – 4 BC – vassal **Herod the Great** appointed King of Israel
 - Installed by Marc Antony & Octavius (Caesar Augustus)
 - Enlarges the Temple Mount & rebuilds the Temple
 - Vicious, cruel despot. Builds other monumental projects:
 - Masada; Caesarea Maritima; Herodian; Cave of the Patriarchs
 - 4 BC – Jesus born in Bethlehem

Church History—Q31—Intertestamental Period—500 BC-4BC

• **Importance of the Intertestamental Period**

- Common Greek language
- Roman roads & peace
- Dispersion of Jews □ Synagogues throughout Roman Empire
- Rise of Pharisees – hollow legalism without compassion
- Rise of Sadducees – wealthy aristocrats; Greek admirers
- Dissatisfaction with religion
 - Pagans – dissatisfied w/ polytheism; intrigued with Israel
 - Jews – despondent ... looking for Messiah

Next Class on 2/11/24

Prayer

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