

Luke 2:1-20
Sermon Notes
December 9, 2018

The need: the universal brokenness of mankind

Romans 3:23 ESV
23 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

2 Corinthians 7:10 ESV
10 For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.

Psalms 51:17 ESV
17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Psalms 34:18 ESV
18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

Genesis 3:10 ESV
10 And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself."

The Answer: The brokenness of Jesus

Mark 14:3 ESV
3 And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head.

1. He entered our brokenness

Hebrews 4:15 ESV
15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

2. He took our penalty

2 Corinthians 5:21 ESV
21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

3. He restored our eternal relationship with our Father

Romans 5:1-2 ESV
1 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Broken things and broken people are the result of sin. Yet God sent his Son, who was without sin, to be broken so that we might be healed. On the night before He died, Jesus broke the bread and said, "This is

my body, which is broken for you.” He went all the way to Calvary to die so that we can live. His death has made it possible for broken, sinful humanity to be reconciled to God and be healed. Without the broken body of Jesus, we could not be made whole.