

## **UNPACKING THE WORD FOR SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2020 SERMON – COVID 19 IN MAY 2020: “HELP FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT”**

**SERMONIC SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: JOHN 2:23-25** 23 Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, many people saw the signs he was performing and believed in his name.[a] 24 But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all people. 25 He did not need any testimony about mankind, for he knew what was in each person.

**SERMONIC EXCERPT:** “Our focal text deals with Holy Spirit discernment. There’s mother wit, there are old wives’ tales, some rely on their birth sign, some conjure up the dead, others work roots and do any number of things, including solely rely on life experience, but I recommend that you either try Jesus if you’re unsaved, or stick with Jesus, if you are, and ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in times like these. These are perplexing times and I need clear direction” (Walton, 2020).

**ANTITHESIS: IN THE MIDST OF THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC, THERE ARE MANY WHO DO NOT KNOW WHICH WAY TO TURN.**

**THESIS: IT IS GOOD TO KNOW THAT THE TRIUNE AND TRINITARIAN GOD IS IN CONTROL. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS AVAILABLE AS COUNSELOR AND GUIDE TO THE BELIEVER IN CHRIST.**

**ONE CENTRAL POINT OF APPLICATION: THE WISCONSIN SUPREME COURT WILL HEAR ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST GOVERNOR TONY EVERS’ STAY AT HOME ORDER ON TUESDAY THE 5TH OF MAY. THE OPPOSITION TO THE ORDER HAS NOT COALESCED AROUND A PLAN OF THEIR OWN. MANY SEEM TO BE USING THIS VIRUS AS A POLITICAL FOOTBALL. GROWING RACIAL TENSION, AND THE WILLINGNESS OF SOME TO PUT PEOPLE IN GRAVE DANGER HEADS THE NEWS. BE INFORMED. STAY UP WITH THE NEWS.**

**BUT DON’T FORGET TO ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR DISCERNMENT. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS AVAILABLE TO ALL PERSONS WHO HAVE RECEIVED JESUS CHRIST AS SAVIOR. ASK FOR HIS DIRECTION AND FOLLOW HIS ADVICE. HE WILL NEVER MISGUIDE YOU. WE ARE TO SUBMIT TO CHRIST. WHEN WE OBEDIENTLY DO SO, HE WILL DIRECT US IN WHO WE ARE TO BE AND WHAT WE ARE TO DO.**

**Faithfully,**

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