

Daily Devotion For April 6, 2022

¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad." 2 Corinthians 5:10

As we continue to watch the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, it is so sad to see the number of war crimes that are being committed by Russian soldiers. As sad as it is to watch the number of tragic deaths throughout their country I wonder how many would have lived their lives differently if they knew their time on earth was limited. When we consider that there have been 733 deaths in Monterey County due to Covid-19, over 100,000 in the United States and 6.1 million worldwide would people live their lives any differently?

The 1st century disciples asked Jesus, **"What will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"** (Matthew 24:3). In the midst of his teaching, Jesus replied, **"Keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come"** (Matthew 24:42). In a way, Jesus urges his followers to "seize the day" because no one knows when he will return. But we do know that each of us will come face-to-face with Jesus and give an account of how we have lived for him. Each of us in large measure determines how that encounter will go. Jesus wants us to be ready no matter when he returns because we must all appear before him to give an account of our lives.

Thought For Today: Reflect upon the question, "Am I ready?" How would I live my life differently if I knew that I had a day, a month, a year left to live?

Today's prayer focus: Continue to pray for those who are sick and in need of God's strengthening touch. Remember those who are grieving the loss of loved ones. Pray for this week's "re-opening" of our church for Palm Sunday. Deo Volente.