



## Day 8

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## “Hope for Rebels”

**Scriptures:** *Psalm 61, Jeremiah 2:1-13, Romans 1:16-25, John 4:43-54, Romans 1:16-25 (read to vs.32), Jeremiah 2:1-13, John 4:43-54, Psalm 61*

Today consider reading these passages following the second listing. Why? Because we see a progression that is helpful for us to remember in these days of Lent.

First, in Romans 1, we get the grim picture of our rebellion against the Lord of heaven and earth. We have traded in true glory for corrupting idols and have made life choices that bring ever increasing damage to ourselves and others. This is a harsh but “Lent appropriate” splash in the face that displays the facts of our dark spiritual reality.

Second, in Jeremiah, we get the same picture of our rebellion but framed as some direct and personal questions that now reveal our Lord’s heart:

“What fault did your fathers find in me,  
that they strayed so far from me?  
They followed worthless idols  
and became worthless themselves.

Yet, fortunately in John 4, we turn the corner towards grace and hope. We find a simple Gospel story that displays the rescuing work of Jesus for one man - a man with faith who trusted this Messiah to bring healing into his broken world. Our God has stepped in to repair this disaster... and the whole rebellion disaster as well.

And finally, we can read Psalm 61 and find wonderful words to pray in Lent. Yes, we are rebels. Yes, we deserve judgement. But we can join with this Psalmist and now declare our dependence on the Lord’s strength and protection because Good Friday and Easter are on the horizon.