

## **A SERIES OF DEVOTIONS BASED UPON THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE**

### **JESUS SHALL NOT BE OVERCOME**

Luke 4:28-30 “When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. And they rose up and drove Him out of the town and brought Him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw Him down the cliff. But passing through their midst, He went away.”

The people in the Synagogue in Nazareth listened to Jesus with their full attention. Luke 4:22 says of them, “all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from His mouth.” All was going well for Jesus as He read the scroll of Isaiah, rerolled it and began to teach and preach based upon Isaiah’s words. That is when the tide turned. The people rejected Jesus’ message, took offense and became hostile. Verse 28 says, “They were filled with wrath.”

In their indignation and rejection of Jesus, with their emotions running wild, they “rose up and drove Him out of the town and brought Him to the brow of the hill. . .so that they could throw Him down the cliff.” This was not the time or place God had chosen for His Son to die. “Passing through their midst, Jesus went away.” (Verse 30) They couldn’t lay a hand on Jesus.

God sent Jesus into the world among its population as Savior and Lord. Not all then and not all today believe the Gospel message that reveals Jesus as the saving one. Still today there are many who want nothing to do with Him, His cross, His shed blood. In their indignation toward Jesus and all who believe in Him they do all in their power to silence Him and destroy His Church.

Jesus, however, did not permit the people then and does not permit people today to silence Him, prevent the proclamation of His Gospel Word and especially drive Him, so to speak, out of town. He and His saving work shall never be overcome by human efforts. The Devil, the sinful world and sinful human beings have no power over Jesus. His goal remains that you and all people would believe in Him for the forgiveness of sins and a mansion in heaven. “Our vict’ry has been won; The Kingdom ours remaineth.” (A Mighty Fortress is our God, verse 4 – LSB 656)

Prayer: Holy Spirit, open my heart to hear and believe all Jesus Gospel word teaches. In His holy name. Amen.

A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon;  
He helps us free from ev'ry need That hath us now o'ertaken.  
The old evil foe Now means deadly woe; Deep guile and great might  
Are His dread arms in fight; On earth is not His equal.

With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected;  
But for us fights the valiant One, Whom God Himself elected.  
Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is, Of Sabaoth Lord,  
And there's none other God; He holds the field forever.

Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us,  
We tremble not, we fear no ill; Thy shall not overpow'r us.  
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will. He can harm us none,  
He's judged; the deed is done; One little word can fell him.

The Word they still shall let remain Nor any thanks have for it;  
He's by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spirit.  
And take they our life, Goods, fame, child, and wife,  
Though these all be gone, Our vict'ry has been won; The Kingdom ours  
remaineth.

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