

Jacob 1.⁸

Wherefore, we would to God that we could persuade all men not to rebel against God, to provoke him to anger, but that all men would believe in Christ, and view his death, and suffer his cross and bear the shame of the world...

We are approaching the week before Easter, which is traditionally known as Holy Week. In this reading, our 38th for Lent 2025, we wish to prepare for the final events of Jesus' life with an invitation or admonition that the prophet, Jacob, extended to his people.

1. We often seem to dismiss Jesus' death on the cross, claiming to focus on the "living Christ."
 - ? What do you think and feel when you consider Jacob's admonition to "view his [Jesus'] death"?
 - ? Why, do you think, did Jacob extend this admonition?
 - ? What, do you think, does it look like to "view his death"?
 - ? What could you do to prepare to "view his death" during this Easter Season?
 - ? What would it mean to you to do so?
 - ? As we enter holy week, consider what you hope to see as you take the time to read, ponder, and pray about Jesus' final mortal experiences, including his experience of the cross.