



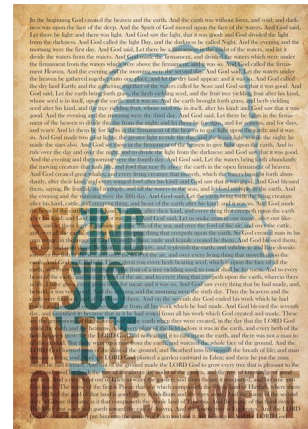
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Welcome to this month's edition of the Concordia Bible Institute (CBI) e-Bulletin.

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"For the whole Christ is in every word and wholly in each individual word. When He is denied, therefore, in one word, He is totally denied, for He is in every word."

-Martin Luther (*Luther's Works*, 25:238).

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"In the Year that King Uzziah Died..."

We're fresh off of Trinity Sunday, which keeps our eyes fixed on the nature and work of our Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Old Testament reading appointed for the day is Isaiah's vision of the Lord in his temple (Is. 6:1-8), and I'm still thinking about how the whole thing begins: "In the year that King Uzziah died..." (Is. 6:1). It's really unusual to mark a date by a king's *death*. Why begin like this?

First, a brief word about this particular king. Uzziah was only sixteen years old when he took the throne, and he was a total powerhouse from the start. He expanded the nation, won a ton of wars, made machines, and like a professor who sharpens pencils for his own students, he "himself prepared for all the army shields, spears, helmets, coats of mail, bows, and stones for slinging" (2 Chr. 26:14). That's not bad!

"In the year that King Uzziah died," Isaiah says—in the year when things were reaching new heights, and business was booming; and yet in the year when things suddenly didn't look so promising anymore, and the future suddenly became much more uncertain—"I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up..." (Is. 6:1).

This is truly how the Lord works, isn't it? Just when we start looking for the reign of God in all the wrong places, He tends to remove the "lesser kings" of our life in order to refocus our eyes on a far greater King.

Isaiah continues: "Above him stood the seraphim.... And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!' And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke" (Is. 6:2-4).

Even in the midst of a year marked by death, the Lord's glory remained present over all the earth, filling the place(s) where he dwells. It's no wonder, then, why Isaiah reacted to all of this the way he did: "'Woe is me! For I am undone; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips...'. Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: 'Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for'" (Is. 6:5-7).

It was a year of death, affecting King Uzziah, certainly, but affecting Isaiah, too, and affecting us all. But if you want to know how the Lord reigns in the midst of whatever reminds you of your own frailty, look no farther than to the place where lips are touched for the forgiveness of sins.

The Lord reigning in the midst of death. Sound familiar? In the year that King Uzziah died, Isaiah saw the Lord upon a throne. In the year that "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews" died, we see the Lord upon another throne. He was high and lifted up again, but there was no form or majesty that we should even look at him, no beauty that any of us should desire him. In the year that this King died, the temple of *his own body* was filled with the fire of God's wrath, and the foundations of *the whole earth* shook at the voice of him who called, "Father, forgive them." In the year that this King died, we see the clearest vision of the reign of God that we will ever see.

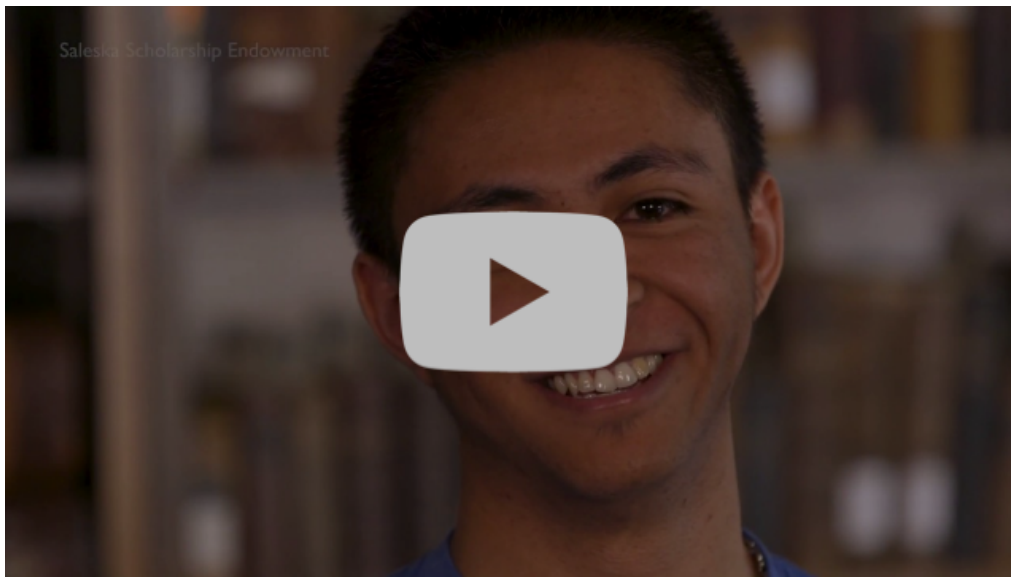
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Thank you! Blessings in Christ,

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Isaiah 12:1-6 Acts 15-16	2 Psalm 150 Acts 17-18	3 Psalm 1 Acts 19-20	4 Psalm 2 Acts 21-22	5 Psalm 3 Acts 23-24
6 Psalm 4 Acts 25-26	7 Psalm 5 Acts 27-28	8 Psalm 6 Joshua 1-5	9 Psalm 7 Joshua 6-8	10 Psalm 8 Joshua 9-11	11 Psalm 9 Joshua 12-16	12 Psalm 10 Joshua 17-21
13 Psalm 11 Joshua 22-24	14 Psalm 12 Judges 1-3	15 Psalm 13 Judges 4-6	16 Psalm 14 Judges 7-9	17 Psalm 15 Judges 10-12	18 Psalm 16 Judges 13-15	19 Psalm 17 Judges 16-18
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