

Sermon Notes Page
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The Grace of Les Misérables Week #4 – The Great Human Invention
March 10, 2024
Matthew 26:6-13

1. Week #1 – The Grace of Les Misérables – Luke 6:32-36
 - a. A story, set in 19th Century France, that can help us understand God’s Grace
 - b. Main Themes of Les Mis that we will explore: Grace, Justice, Poverty, and Love.
 - c. Main Characters: Jean Valjean, Javert, Fantine, Cossett, Marius.
2. Week #2 – Grace – the undeserved, unmerited, and loving action of God in human existence through the ever-present Holy Spirit.
 - a. The Wesleyan Way of Salvation – Prevenient, Justifying, and Sanctifying Grace.
3. Week #3 – Justice and Grace – Matthew 5:38-39
 - a. The Justice of Javert – Legalistic and Absolute.
 - b. The balance of judgement and grace – Psalm 30:5
 - c. The Cost of Discipleship – Deitrich Bonhoeffer - Cheap grace vs. Costly Grace.
 - d. Repentance is how we accept God’s grace – Matthew 16:21-28.
4. Week #4 – The Poor Are Always With You
 - a. Matthew 26 – Change of Tone
 - i. Jesus is on the way to the cross
 - ii. The Disciples complain.
 - iii. Jesus gives them a mandate to care for the poor.
 - b. Sanctifying Grace
 - i. The way we grow closer to God.
 - ii. Acts of Piety
 - iii. Acts of Mercy
 - c. The poverty of Fantine
 - i. Discarded
 - ii. Single Mom
 - iii. Abused
 - iv. Dies sick and alone
 - d. Deuteronomy 15:10-11 – Generosity
 - e. Make room at the table.
 - f. *Everyone* has something to give.