

Sermon Notes Page
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The Grace of Les Misérables Week #7 – The Three Gardens
March 31, 2024
John 20:1-18

1. Week #1 – The Grace of Les Misérables – Luke 6:32-36
 - a. Main Themes of Les Mis that we will explore: Grace, Justice, Poverty, and Love.
 - b. 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. Repentance is how we accept God’s grace – Matthew 16:21-28.
4. Week #4 – The Poor Are Always With You – Matthew 26:6-13
 - a. Acts of Piety AND Acts of Mercy – make room at the table.
5. Week #5 – The Gift of Love – Song of Solomon 2:3-13
 - a. God’s grace – you are loved. Matthew 3:17
6. Week #6 – Building the Barricade – Mark 11:1-11
 - a. The Barricade = The Cross. The cross is not the end!
7. Easter
 - a. The Story of Les Mis is held together by 3 gardens.
 - b. The Story of the Bible is held together by 3 gardens.
 - c. Garden #1 – The Garden of Rest
 - i. The Garden of Monsieur Bienvenue
 - ii. The Garden of Eden
 - iii. Rest raises our ability to handle the hard things in life.
 - d. Garden #2 – The Garden of Work
 - i. The Garden of the Convent
 - ii. The Garden of Easter weekend
 1. Gethsemane
 2. Golgotha
 3. The Empty Tomb
 - e. Garden #3 – The Garden of Hope
 - i. The Untended Garden of Rue Plumet
 - ii. Revelation 22:1-5 – The Tree of Life
 - iii. Jesus is the ultimate gardener of our lives