

## BEST SERMON EVER: "A Tree & Its Fruit"

Matthew 7:15-20

### I. Intro: "S-M-I-O-T"

### II. A tree is \_\_\_\_\_ by its \_\_\_\_\_

- A. A good tree bears \_\_\_\_\_ fruit, a bad tree bears \_\_\_\_\_ fruit

*"A good tree produces good fruit, and a bad tree produces bad fruit. A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit." (Matthew 7:17-18 NLT)*

- B. Trees play a significant \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's people

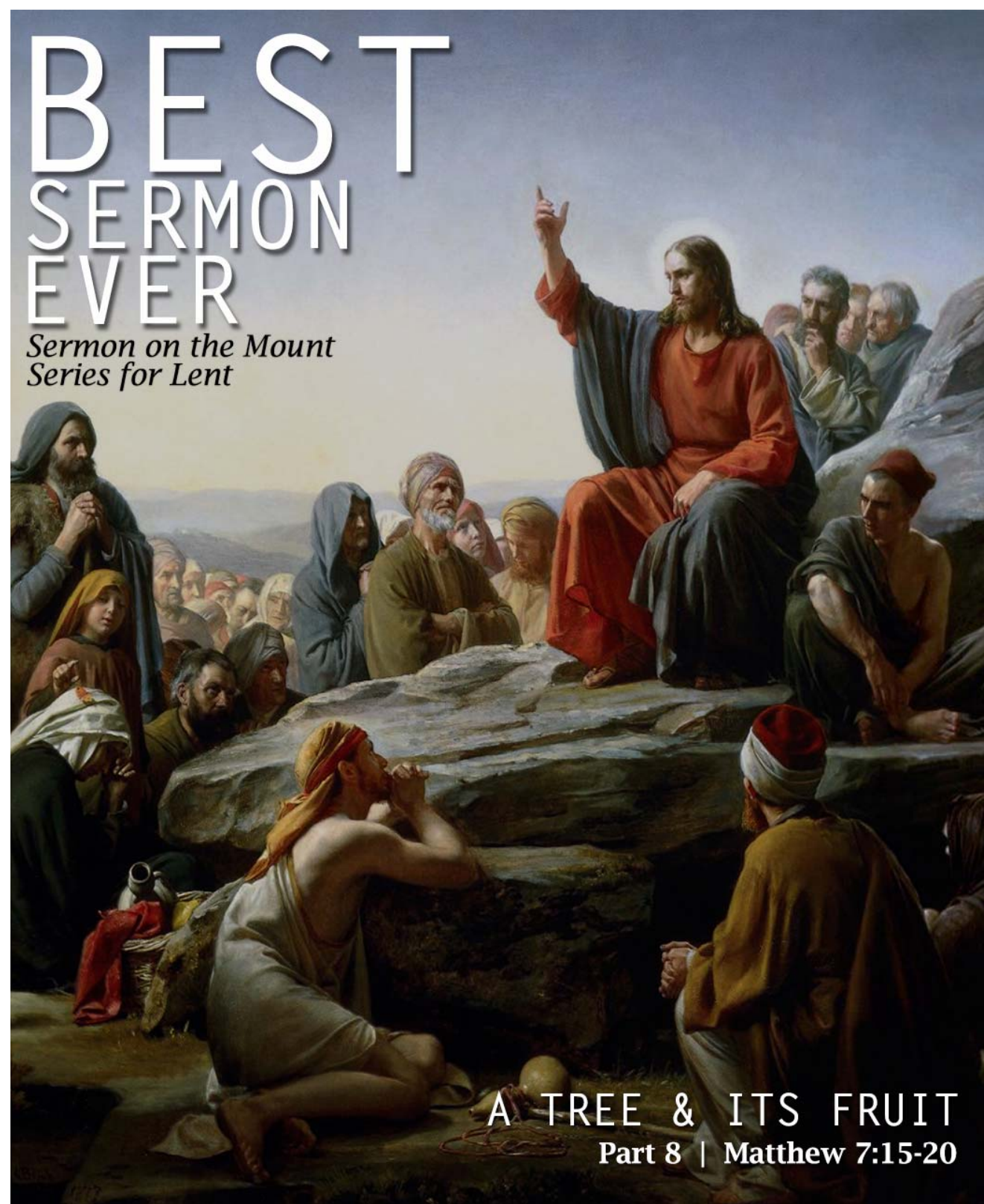
*He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. (1 Peter 2:24 ESV)*

*"In the forest fire, there is always one place where the fire cannot reach. It is the place where the fire has already burned itself out. Calvary is the place where the fire of God's judgment against sin \_\_\_\_\_ itself out \_\_\_\_\_. It is there that we are \_\_\_\_\_." (Corrie Ten Boom)*

- C. Jesus is suspended from a tree so rich with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

*"My people are broken—shattered!—and they put on Band-Aids, saying, 'It's not so bad. You'll be just fine.' But things are not 'just fine!'" (Jeremiah 5:14 MSG)*

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# Good Friday Tenebrae

April 7, 2023

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### Pastor Welcome

Online giving is available at [RedeemerRolla.org/give](https://RedeemerRolla.org/give). Thanks for supporting the ongoing mission and ministry in this way!

### Invocation Prayer & Call to Worship

Responsive Reading—Psalm 22:1-6, 10-11, 14-16

“Upon the Cross Extended” (LSB453:1,3-4)

### Confession & Absolution

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### Lessons, Hymns, Candles

**Lesson 1:** Matthew 26:47-56 (LSB547:3-4)

**Lesson 2:** Matthew 26:62-68, John 19:14-16 (LSB439:1-2)

**Lesson 3:** John 19:17-18 (LSB450:1,3)

**Lesson 4:** Luke 23:33-43 (LSB425:1,3)

**Lesson 5:** John 19:23-24 (LSB456:1-2)

**Lesson 6:** Mark 15:25-39 (LSB447:1, 19-20)

### Message

Best Sermon Ever: “A Tree & Its Fruit” (Mt 7:15-20)

“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted” (LSB451:1-2)

**Lesson 7:** 7 Last Words of Christ from the Cross (various readings)

### Closing the Book, Christ Candle Removed

“There Is a Redeemer” (LSB971:1)

### We Present our Sins at the Cross

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

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### Sealing the tomb

Please exit in silence

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## Sunday Worship Schedule

**8:30am** - Traditional Worship

**9:45am** - Growth Groups for Adults, Youth & KidZone

**11am** - Contemporary Worship

## Welcome to Redeemer!

Thanks for worshiping with us! We want you to feel at home and encourage you to introduce yourself to one of our greeters or pastor. If you'd like more info about Redeemer, please fill out the Connect Card in the chair-back in front of you. **We want to meet and welcome you personally.** If you have questions concerning hearing assistance or directions to our nursery or classrooms, an usher will be happy to assist. Children's bulletins and “busy hands” bags are available at the Welcome Center just outside the sanctuary.

So we're going to come right out and say something that likely won't shock you: **We're not perfect.** We try to be real, transparent, and honest. But we even fail at that sometimes. You may feel ignored or unappreciated in some way this morning, but that certainly is not our intention. Please allow us to get to know you better – we all came to worship a Loving God.

But here's the thing: **We don't come to church to meet perfect people.** We come to meet **a perfect God.** He's inviting us to worship today. He is good and His love endures forever. And His is a love that was consummated on a cross and vindicated in an empty tomb. **Jesus won the battle** against sin, death and the devil. He freed us. **Today we celebrate that victory** and freedom together as **imperfect people, longing for more of Him.**

Pastor Nathan

## If This is Your First Time Joining Us!

We're thrilled you are here! We'd love to get to know you better! We pray this time of worship encourages and challenges you in your faith.



If you are looking for a church home, **we would love to partner with you** to make an eternal difference in our community for Jesus. Consider being part of the next “Doorway Class” which will give you a better flavor for who we are as a church. You will find that **Redeemer is a great place to GATHER, GROW, and GO in your relationship with Jesus**

Come “GROW” with us!

## Notes:

Are you looking for a church to celebrate Easter? Do you know someone who is? Please consider this your invitation to join us! There are several opportunities for worship, fellowship, and to celebrate Jesus' resurrection! This event changes everything: Christ is Risen! Question? Contact us, we'd love to get to know you! The church office number is 573-364-7071.

