



"Journey through Hell with Your Pastors"

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Questions about hell, Satan, and the anti-Christ aren't often heard in Lutheran Churches because we are so oriented to God's grace. But they sure seem to be prominent in the popular religious culture. For this reason, Pastors Lose, Dixon, and Ruud are offering a brief "Journey through Hell" via three video presentations and this overview.

Video #1 Topic: *A walk-through of "hell"* ~ Pastor Lose

Key Scripture: [Luke 16:19-31](#)

Questions:

1. On a scale of 1-10 (1 being not important at all, 10 being vitally important), how important do you think "hell" is Christian faith and life. Sample rating. 1 - doesn't matter at all/don't believe in it; 5 - it holds a similar place to other elements like grace, mercy, etc.; it's crucial as grace, salvation, and heaven make no sense apart from a concept of hell.
2. When you read the parable — and keep in mind it's a parable, not a pronouncement or command! — do you think Jesus is painting a picture of the afterlife (and presumably offering a warning) or is he more concerned about the consequences of our actions here and now? Why?

Video #2 Topic: *Who is Satan?* ~ Pastor Dixon

Key Scriptures: [Job 1](#) (especially 1-12) and [Matthew 16:21-23](#)

Questions:

1. What role, if any, does Satan or the Devil play in your personal faith?
2. What would you teach a child about Satan?
3. What does belief in Satan mean for our belief in God?

Video #3 Topic: *Antichrist as anti-Christ* ~ Pastor Ruud

Key Scriptures: [1 John 2:15-25](#); [1 John 4:3](#); [Matthew 18:6-7](#)

Questions:

1. Where and when have you heard the term "antichrist"? Who or What has most influenced your current thinking about it, and how much does the term or entity play a part in your personal faith?
2. How does conceiving of antichrist as a particular mythic prophecy compare and contrast with understanding antichrist as a concept of faith in terms of people and/or actions being anti-Christ?
3. In the Matthew passage, who or what might be considered the antichrist? What does Jesus warn against?

What topics would you like our pastors to explore in the coming year, whether online or in-person?

Let us know!

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