

2nd Week of Advent – Year C

My Mother & Four Seasons – She lives in Vero

- I. Do you like your name?
If you could change it – what would you change it to?
FRANCIS – kinda whimpy – until we moved Sophomore year – FRANK
- II. In the first reading Jerusalem is renamed
“God will show all the earth your splendor – you will be renamed forever –
The Peace of Justice The Glory of God’s Worship
- You have to understand the sanctity of your name in this culture
Your name indicates what you are:
(Baby Books – Peter = Rock, Francis = Freeman
Names are Sacred – if you said “Praise the name of the Lord = Praise the Lord
- So when God changes Jerusalem’s name it doesn’t mean Jerusalem is to be described as Peace, Justice, Glory of God – Jerusalem is TO BE Peace, Justice, Glory of God.
- This is a great promise by the prophet in the midst of enormous suffering for Israel – in the midst of trial, the Lord gives Baruch a message of Hope
HOLD THIS THOUGHT

- III. Luke uses names too – but for a different reason

Luke makes a point of listing all these names for a reason
He does it on purpose to anchor Jesus and Christianity in human history

- All these people play a role and witness the reality of Jesus
- AFTER HE DOES NAMES ALL THESE PEOPLE
- “Word of God came to John” – intervention of God in human history
- &WHAT DOES JOHN DO:
 - “John preached a baptism of repentance and forgiveness of sin”
 - Message of Hope – just like Baruch
 - Israel was an occupied nation, Baruch was in exile
 - In the midst of trial – God brings HOPE
 - BUT THERE’S MORE
 - Luke – Universal Salvation
 - A voice in the desert cries out to ALL
 - EVERY MOUNTAIN
 - EVERY VALLEY
 - ALL flesh will see

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We claim that promise – one by one – by name – and we know its for ALL of us