5. Place yourself in the Basilica di SantAmbrosio. How do you interact with the idea of resurrection and eternity in light of this display?

6. What are some practical ways to continually give your consent to the will of the Father throughout the day?

7. What is one way you could change the way you live in light of these texts?

Gospel Resilience "Origin, Triumph, and Destiny" Romans 5:12-21

This series is about resilient faith in the face of cultural headwinds, but also so much more. It's about resilient faith in the face of suffering, in doubts, in deep disappointment with Christians or the church, in temptation, in misplaced self-confidence or religiosity, in persecution, and under satanic attack.

Origin, Triumph, and Destiny

1. Sin is a deadly _____.

We all sinned _____ Adam.

Tell people what _____ did, not what they have to do.

2. Jesus has done _____ the work.

For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, **how much more** did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ (5:15)

or if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, **how much more** will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ! (5:17)

But where sin increased, grace increased all the more... (5:20)

So then, whether we are condemned or justified, whether we are spiritually alive or dead, depends on which humanity we belong to—whether we still belong to the old humanity initiated by Adam, or to the new humanity initiated by Christ. (John Stott)

If we live ______ the work of Christ, we will live ______ the work of Christ.

3. We live in a world without _____.

Faith is the active, continual ______ of my will to the Father's will.

The purpose of the church's life is to be the people of God for the world: a city set on a hill cannot be hidden. But the church can only be this if she is constantly being recalled to the story and message of scripture, without which she will herself lapse into the world's ways of thinking. (NT Wright)

Personal Reflection & Small Group Questions

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

2. How can we think differently about how we approach disagreements with those who don't know Jesus in light of this passage?

3. To belong to the new humanity instituted in Jesus, you must give up on moral superiority or arrogance. How can you practically do that?

4. What are some ways you can more practically live in and for God's story everyday?