Paradise Lost

Scripture: Genesis 3:1-24

| Matthew 26:26-29; Matthew 3:13-17; Matthew 4:1-11 | Questions |

1. What has challenged you, changed you or confused you from this week's sermon or the Scriptures in it?
2. The enemy's strategy in this passage is to entice humans to question God's Word or to deny God's Word.
   - How have you seen the questioning of God's Word?
   - How have you seen the denial of God's Word?
   - If you answered those questions regarding other people, how would you answer it in regard to yourself?
3. How have you observed the tragedy of sin play itself out?
4. How have you personally been impacted by the penalty and tragedy of sin?
5. Do you view the penalty and tragedy of sin more as a result of the sin of others? Or more a result of your own sin?
   - Why?
   - Is it ever a mix of both?
6. Read Genesis 3:21
   - What do you think of God's provision of a clothing for Adam & Eve?
   - How does that relate to God providing a covering for our sins through Jesus?
7. How does this sermon (focused on the problem of sin and the solution God provided in Jesus) increase the foundation of your faith?
8. ***Bonus discussion:*** *Is it wrong to ask questions of God?*
   - Why or why not? (Consider Biblical examples like Job and Jesus)
   - If one does ask questions of God, what is a necessary posture/attitude? (I would assert that it's humility. Humility keeps us from demanding an answer or a certain response. If we become demanding like that, we are really placing ourselves on the throne and making God out to be our servant)
9. ***Bonus #2:*** *Read Matthew 4:1-11 to observe Jesus' temptation by the devil.*
   - What are the similarities/parallels to the Genesis story?
   - What are the differences?
   - Read Matthew 3:13-17. How do you think Jesus' understanding of His identity as God's Son affected his ability to withstand temptation?

Spend some time thanking God for His provision of a recovery from sin! Spend some time praying for family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc, who still need to respond to it.