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The View from the Cross brings us back to the central image of our faith, the death of Jesus on the cross followed by his victorious resurrection. Drawing on the gospel readings in the Lent and Easter seasons, Dr. Clarke offers a new perspective on the journey of Jesus to Jerusalem and ultimately to Golgotha and the cross. In examining the words and deeds of Christ during this season, we as the church of today can grow in our faith and set out to fulfill the plan God has for us today.

This collection of sermons is a valuable resource for:

- Sermon starters and illuminating illustrations
- Gaining a new homiletical perspective to the lectionary
- Offering a newer, deeper understanding and appreciation of scripture
- Using as a starter for adult Bible study groups or personal devotions

This sermon collection includes: Expectations and a Crown The Gardens of Life Living a Joyful Life ... and many more!

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