

IGNORANCE OF SCRIPTURE IS IGNORANCE OF CHRIST –ST. JEROME

MATTHEW 16:21-27

Reading closely

- 1. How might Jesus have introduced the topic of his coming suffering?
- 2. What all might Peter have felt about this news?
- 3. How would you have reacted?
- 4. Why do you think Peter tried to respond privately to Jesus?
- 5. What do you think of Jesus' reaction?
- 6. What might the other disciples have thought about all this?
- 7. What do you think Jesus expected of his disciples at this point in their time together?
- 8. What does *life* mean?
- 9. How well do you think the disciples understood what Jesus told them?
- 10. What do you think the disciples said and did the rest of that day?

Living the word

- 11. What are ways people give up their lives for Jesus and the gospel?
- 12. How are you trying to save your life?
- 13. How are you trying to lose your life?

THE GOSPEL READING

What's a Messiah?

Last Sunday Jesus told his disciples *to tell no one that he was the Messiah* (16:20). Today we learn why. The disciples expect things from the Messiah that don't match what Jesus has come to do. Jews at that time expected many things from the Messiah. Despite a range of beliefs, no one thought the Messiah would suffer, much less be shamefully and brutally killed.

Although Jesus accepted the title of *Messiah*, he changed its meaning to include rejection, shame, and hardship. Jesus probably preferred the title *Son of Man* because it carried fewer pre-conceptions.

Rock turned stumbling block

Jesus called Peter *the rock* on which he would build the church (16:18). Now this rock is a *stumbling block*, an obstacle that could trip Jesus up. After calling Jesus *Messiah* and *Son of the living God*, Peter rejects the meaning Jesus gives these titles.

Jesus calls Peter *Satan*. Right before Jesus began his public ministry, Satan tried to lure him down a different path (4:1f). Now one of Jesus' closest followers unwittingly tempts Jesus.

Fall in line

When Jesus spoke to Satan in the desert, he told Satan to *Get away*. Jesus tells Peter to *Get behind me*. Jesus doesn't simply want Peter out of his way; he wants him to fall in line. Peter and the other disciples must learn to follow Jesus. Jesus' way is difficult, even frightening, but it leads to *life*.

Which world do you want?

People want to pursue their own interests. They want to be safe and comfortable. Jesus warns that this approach will protect people's earthly lives but cost them their eternal ones (vv.24-25).

In verse 26 Jesus asks why we would invest all our time and energy in a world that isn't permanent. Only the hidden world of God's kingdom will last. If we want to be part of God's kingdom, then we've got to spend all our time and energy living the way God wants us to.

When the risen Jesus returns, he'll only bring into God's kingdom those who've followed him down the challenging path of discipleship (v.27).

PRAYER

by Metropolitan Philaret of Moscow

O Lord, I do not know what to ask you. You alone know my real needs, and you love me more than I even know how to love. Enable me to discern my true needs which are hidden from me. I ask for neither cross nor consolation. I wait in patience for you. My heart is open to you. For your great mercy's sake, come to me and help me. Put your mark on me and heal me, cast me down and raise me up. Silently, I adore your holy will and your inscrutable ways. I offer myself in sacrifice to you and put all my trust in you. I desire only to do your will. Teach me how to pray, and pray in me, yourself. Amen.



Monday August 31st  
No Mass  
Tuesday @ St. Anthony September 1st  
No Mass  
Wednesday @ St. Rose September 2nd  
No Mass  
Thursday @ St. Anthony September 3rd  
No Mass  
Friday @ St. Rose September 4th  
No Mass  
Saturday @ St. Rose September 5th  
5:30pm †Daniel Mayer  
Sunday @ St. Anthony September 6th  
†Karen Crichton  
10:30am @ St. Rose  
†Fr. Kent Hemberger

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St. Rose	
August 23, 2020	
Contributions.....	\$ 2,785.00
Capital Campaign.....	\$
Cemetery.....	\$
Total Collections.....	\$ 2,785.00
Avg. Weekly Expense.....	\$ 2,447.70

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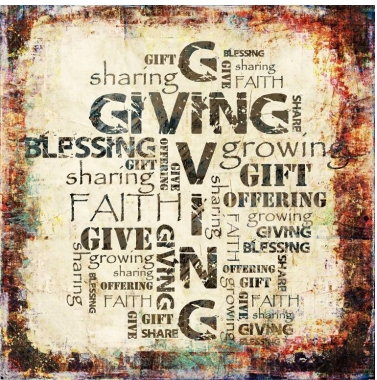
Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel continues the story that began in [last week's Gospel](#). Simon Peter was called the "rock" upon which Jesus would build his Church, and yet Peter continues to show the limitations of his understanding of Jesus' identity. Now that the disciples have acknowledged that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he must suffer and die in Jerusalem to be raised on the third day. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely, calling him "Satan." In opposing this aspect of Jesus' mission, Peter shows that he is no longer speaking based on the revelation from God but as a human being. Jesus then teaches all of the disciples about the difficult path of discipleship: to be Christ's disciple is to follow in his way of the cross. Peter could not yet understand what it meant to call Jesus the Messiah. It is unlikely that the other disciples understood any better. Messianic expectations were a common aspect of first-century Judaism. Under Roman

occupation, many in Israel hoped and prayed that God would send a Messiah to free the Jews from Roman oppression. The common view was that the Messiah would be a political figure, a king that would free Israel from Roman rule. This is perhaps what Peter envisioned when he was led to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. In this passage, however, Jesus is beginning to teach his disciples that he would be the Messiah in a different way. Jesus would be more like the suffering servant described by the prophet Isaiah than the political liberator. Those who would be Jesus' disciples would be called to a similar life of service. Perhaps this is what Peter feared most in Jesus' prediction of his Passion. He whom Jesus had called "rock" would also be called upon to offer himself in sacrifice and service to others. Christian leaders today are still called to sacrifice and serve others as Jesus did.

Contribution Report

St. Anthony	
August 23, 2020	
Contributions.....	\$1,660.00
Candles.....	\$ 30.00
Building.....	\$
Alvin Hailey Memorial.....	\$ 20.00
Hall Rent.....	\$
Total Collections.....	\$ 1,710.00
Avg. Weekly Expense.....	\$ 1,272.71





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Lord Hear Our

**Pope’s Intention**

- The Maritime World.  
We pray for all those who work and live from sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.
- “Lord, help me to meet you today. Shake up me expectations and help me to follow you more fully.”

**Please Pray For**

**OUR SICK:**

Dale Baragary, Brooklyn Barrett,  
D. J. Bremer, Brad Brintle, Frank  
Buchman, Margaret Mary  
Buchman, Sally Colbert,  
Stephanie Diehl, Patrick  
Disberger, Teresa Disberger,  
Charlie Fooke, Ranell Foxoven,  
Tana Griffith, Norma Hisey,  
Mikala Hodges, Cindy Hogman,  
Christy Jimerson, Tylor  
Kaminsky, Brendon Kasseleman,  
Lucy Keyser, Doug Kohlhasse,  
JoAnn Larson, John Newland,  
Maria Ochoa, Gary Schout,  
Malinda Schraeder, Kay Sigle,  
Nick Simmons, Cole Svensen,  
Marie Tonkins, Connie L.  
Werth, RaeLynn Werth, Vince

Werth, Rose Robidou Wittman,  
Pete Wolf

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Col. David Buchanan, Sgt. Brian  
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DEPARTED:**

Loren Hammel, Rita Joan Kidd,  
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Mike Brooks, Mary Alice  
Waylan, Joyce Fisher, Armando  
Mascote, Jerry Drummond,  
Marvin Lickfeig, Bud Orr,  
Marcelo Reynozo, Karen  
Crichton, Alvin Hailey

**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Reading 1 JER 20:7-9**

You duped me, O LORD, and I let myself be duped; you were too strong for me, and you triumphed. All the day I am an object of laughter; everyone mocks me. Whenever I speak, I must cry out, violence and outrage is my message; the word of the LORD has brought me derision and reproach all the day. I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more. But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.

**Responsorial Psalm PS 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9**

R. (2b) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. O God, you are my God whom I seek; for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary to see your power and your glory, For your kindness is a greater good than life; my lips shall glorify you.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name. As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied, and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

You are my help, and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy. My soul clings fast to

you; your right hand upholds me. R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

**Reading 2 ROM 12:1-2**

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

**Alleluia CF. EPH 1:17-18**

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call.

**Gospel MT 16:21-27**

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised. Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, “God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you.” He turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.” Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father’s glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct.”