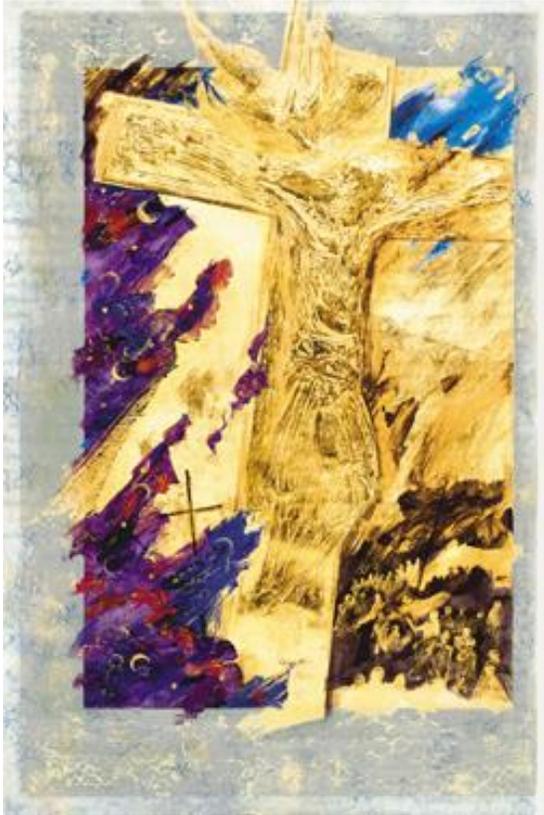


Lenten Reflections

April 16, 2019



This reading is one of the most known Bible passages because it reflects on what is going to happen to Jesus. Judas, who is going to betray Jesus very soon after this, is sitting at the table with Jesus and the other apostles like they normally would. No one else but Jesus knows that he will betray him for a sack of gold however, Jesus is still breaking bread with him.

Later in the reading he says, “Amen Amen I say to you the cock will not crow before you deny me three times.” Jesus knows that Simon Peter will betray him in a different way than Judas, but still loves each of them anyway. Without Judas, Jesus would never have been able to fulfill his mission on Earth: to save us from sin. Without Judas, Jesus would never be able to “go where they cannot come.”

When we are struggling to find love for God or to have faith in God’s plan we should read this passage. It’s every Catholics mission to live a “perfect” life like Jesus did but He knows that we are going to mess up because we are human. It is okay to commit a sin as long as we are seeking forgiveness from God because it is in our human nature. The love God has for us is so powerful that no matter what we do He will always love us. We must turn to him in these times of struggle.

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Reading 1 [IS 49:1-6](#)

Hear me, O islands,
listen, O distant peoples.
The LORD called me from birth,
from my mother's womb he gave me my name.
He made of me a sharp-edged sword
and concealed me in the shadow of his arm.
He made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me.
You are my servant, he said to me,
Israel, through whom I show my glory.

Though I thought I had toiled in vain,
and for nothing, uselessly, spent my strength,
Yet my reward is with the LORD,
my recompense is with my God.
For now the LORD has spoken
who formed me as his servant from the womb,
That Jacob may be brought back to him
and Israel gathered to him;
And I am made glorious in the sight of the LORD,
and my God is now my strength!
It is too little, he says, for you to be my servant,
to raise up the tribes of Jacob,
and restore the survivors of Israel;
I will make you a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

Responsorial Psalm [PS 71:1-2, 3-4A, 5AB-6AB, 15 AND 17](#)

R. (see 15ab) **I will sing of your salvation.**

In you, O LORD, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.
In your justice rescue me, and deliver me;
incline your ear to me, and save me.

R. **I will sing of your salvation.**

Be my rock of refuge,
a stronghold to give me safety,
for you are my rock and my fortress.
O my God, rescue me from the hand of the wicked.

R. **I will sing of your salvation.**

For you are my hope, O LORD;
my trust, O God, from my youth.
On you I depend from birth;

from my mother's womb you are my strength.

R. I will sing of your salvation.

My mouth shall declare your justice,
day by day your salvation.

O God, you have taught me from my youth,
and till the present I proclaim your wondrous deeds.

R. I will sing of your salvation.

Verse Before The Gospel

Hail to you, our King, obedient to the Father;
you were led to your crucifixion like a gentle lamb to the slaughter.

Gospel [JN 13:21-33, 36-38](#)

Reclining at table with his disciples, Jesus was deeply troubled and testified,
"Amen, amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me."

The disciples looked at one another, at a loss as to whom he meant.

One of his disciples, the one whom Jesus loved,
was reclining at Jesus' side.

So Simon Peter nodded to him to find out whom he meant.

He leaned back against Jesus' chest and said to him,
"Master, who is it?"

Jesus answered,

"It is the one to whom I hand the morsel after I have dipped it."

So he dipped the morsel and took it and handed it to Judas,
son of Simon the Iscariot.

After Judas took the morsel, Satan entered him.

So Jesus said to him, "What you are going to do, do quickly."

Now none of those reclining at table realized why he said this to him.

Some thought that since Judas kept the money bag, Jesus had told him,

"Buy what we need for the feast,"

or to give something to the poor.

So Judas took the morsel and left at once. And it was night.

When he had left, Jesus said,

"Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him.

If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself,
and he will glorify him at once.

My children, I will be with you only a little while longer.

You will look for me, and as I told the Jews,

'Where I go you cannot come,' so now I say it to you."

Simon Peter said to him, "Master, where are you going?"

Jesus answered him,

"Where I am going, you cannot follow me now,
though you will follow later."

Peter said to him,

"Master, why can I not follow you now?
I will lay down my life for you."

Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for me?
Amen, amen, I say to you, the cock will not crow
before you deny me three times."