

Gospel 25th July 2021. Cycle B

17th Sunday Ordinary Time

JAMES APOSTLE

A GOD WHO ACCOMPANIES ALWAYS



GOOD PATH

SETTING.

You walk with me and I feel You close. At this moment I leave almost everything and I am about to listen to You and from the silence let myself be done. May your Presence fill my house and may this be everyone's home.

What we are, we are learning by walking the path with You, friend of the soul. In accompanying you make me strong and I can take again the paths of others to also accompany and heal weaknesses, concerns, darkness.

You are the kind face, the soft hand and the delicate step that makes the way with us.

SONG. In my weakness - BROTOS DE OLIVO

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=exV7J7FOWwE>

GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MATTHEW: MT 20:20-28.

Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him. "What is it you want?" he asked. She said, "Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom." "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said to them. "Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?" "We can," they answered. Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father."

When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers. Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

LET US DEEPEN THE GOSPEL.

Spain celebrates its Patron Saint. We join the country in asking the Saint for "LIFE" for the Spanish people. On this day, the text of the Gospel invites us to stop and to contemplate on it:

- 1. Being humane and its logic ambitions.**
- 2. The prototype of the leader.**
- 3. The capacity for evolution of the human being.**

Let us first contemplate the dialogue between Jesus and the Zebedean family. In the text the mother takes the floor, but, in reality, the request comes from the children. The answer of Jesus manifests it "You do not know what you are asking". The disciples are willing to do anything to achieve power. This was normal in Israelite culture. James and John had not given up hope of seeing Jesus instituted as Davidic monarch in Jerusalem. They seek the glory that comes from the human strata. **They have not yet understood who Jesus is.**

Secondly, we are given to witness the indignation of the other ten apostles and the special reaction of Jesus. The apostles are indignant, but... they do not open paths. Jesus, however, has observed, has understood, has valued what James and John do and say. With respect and pedagogical tact, He makes them feel that He believes in them: "*You will drink my cup*". Prophetic affirmation. Revelation of the consummate leader. **Jesus understands them and believes in them.**

Finally, what has happened? Jesus-Man will not see it. The ten, yes, and the interested ones will show that, despite their clumsiness, they managed to decipher the message of the Master and acted accordingly. Witness to this fact: History. Yes, James was the first to offer his life for the Gospel. Between the year 43-44, after Jesus Christ, Herod Antippas I ordered the beheading of James. Thus the words of Jesus came to life: *“The heads of the nations tyrannize and oppress them... It will not be like that among you... whoever wants to go up will be a servant”*. **James shows us, with his life, that man is capable of God.**

CLUES FOR THE PRAYER.

1. What do you experience when you discover the attitude of the sons of Zebedee?
2. What does it mean in your life to drink the cup that Jesus drank?
3. What does this Gospel invite you to?

GOOD PATH, FRIEND_____

AMBIENTAL MUSIC.

James from Compostela-Piper

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6n0_sZeQMM0&list=PL-JTG6TgoPnae7oe6EC92-Pogcbxbm5Cp

Relaxing Music-Chinese Bamboo Flute | Piano - Meditation Music

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v1QY8aAWYc4>

IN THE LOGIC OF GIVING-YOURSELF.

To be by your side, with You,
to the right or to the left,
is more than a place, in space.
Being with You is welcoming
your style, your way of being.
To serve with all the letters,
or simply, to welcome whatever comes.
To follow your way, supposes
taking on strong moments,
that take us out of ourselves,
from the space of logic
and embark us,
to a referential, we,

a wide, attentive, diverse, without cuts, listening.
To give in the daily life,
to give yourself in every word, gesture,
from the inner being.
To give what is received as a gift,
the grace of giving oneself in giving...
Are you willing to drink The Chalice?
Who is willing,
does not claim anything in return...
The place does not print category;
the quality of giving yourself, yes.
The more you give yourself
the more you find Him.
Celebrate the life that runs
to meet you,
and without hesitation, give yourself fully.
Put everything into practice...
what in theory we are so clear.
To live with You, feel with You... to give myself.
Sometimes
the desire for privilege
or ruthless criticism
are stronger than us.
To be here or there,
what counts is giving everything,
to give yourself in everything and everyone.

SONG. Peace of James.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e8jsh40T_s&list=PLjHTKsn1473Ccw8z_3n7hJPrGDINHwqiv

Song of the Pilgrim - Nick Arandes

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tu2dwWG80Kc&list=PLjHTKsn1473Ccw8z_3n7hJPrGDINHwqiv&index=2



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