

Gospel, 10th October 2021. Cycle B
Sunday 28th Week Ordinary Time

LORD, WHAT SHOULD I DO?



YOU, FOLLOW ME

AMBIENCE

The time is yours Lord, and at this moment I am in your presence. I try to silence the route and prepare myself to enter the path of silence. I lay my life in your hands, Potter, fashion this clay that longs to be a useful wase to welcome your laughter made out of small gestures that welcome me, encourage me, speak to me...and invite me to keep on assuming moments and experiences that are today's yours, mine and ours

My lights, mi shadows, my shadows, my creed that they are what they are but that above all they want to be in tune, the melody that sounds soft here and there.

SONG. The Summons

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

GOSPEL - Mark 10, 17-30

" He was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life? Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You shall not kill; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not give false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother. And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these since my earliest days. Jesus looked steadily at him and he was filled with love for him, and he said, 'You need to do one thing more. Go and sell what you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me. But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth. Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!

It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for someone rich to enter the kingdom of God. They were more astonished than ever, saying to one another, 'In that case, who can be saved? Jesus gazed at them and said, 'By human resources it is impossible, but not for God: because for God everything is possible.

Peter took this up. 'Look,' he said to him, 'we have left everything and followed you. Jesus said, 'In truth I tell you, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, mother, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not receive a hundred times as much, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land -- and persecutions too -- now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life."

Deepening the Gospel

The question asked of Jesus reveals very good will: « what must I do ... to inherit ...? » Immediately, Jesus answers about the same record: To have the right to eternal life, see what you need: keep the commandments: « You shall not kill; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not give false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother. » The man answers Him: «Master, I have kept all these since my earliest days ». No doubt he expected a diploma of good behavior, well deserved by the way, if he really practiced all those commandments since he was young, as he says. But Jesus is not a teacher of doctrines: Jesus is not content to say what you have to do to be in good standing; the commandments are a stage, just that. This person has just come across the luck of his life: Jesus loves him and calls him to follow him. **By saying this, Jesus reveals that eternal life is not a reward for tomorrow, but rather a life with Him, from now and forever. In God's**

project of bringing everything together in Christ, this man is one of the first invited to participate in it.

But the proposal of Jesus puts the finger on the weakness of the existence of this man: It is necessary **to be free** to follow Jesus and join the group of his disciples: «You lack only one thing, go, sell everything you have»; and, the man has just realized that he is so much attached to his wealth and he is fully dependent on that, as much as a drug-addicted person is dependent on drugs, and he leaves saddened.

Mark makes us notice that the disciples are puzzled, shocked: neither are they on the same wavelength as Jesus and it is understood; traditionally, wealth was considered a gift from God. But Jesus insists: « It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for someone rich to enter the kingdom of God». **«In that case, who can be saved?»** Jesus' response surely has not left them at peace! « By human resources it is impossible, but not for God: because for God everything is possible. » Here, what Jesus is trying to do is not to discourage anyone; Jesus only seeks an awareness and **puts things in their place**. Everything is possible for God; God has all the means to save us.

Jesus proposes a change of perspective: salvation is not achieved through merits; Salvation is received on your knees, in thanksgiving. But for that, it is necessary to be free, it is necessary to know how to leave everything that is an obstacle. *"Give me, I beseech you, a heart full of judgment to discern between good and evil."* We can say with the Book of Wisdom. *«Establish the work of our hands for us»* *We sing in the Psalm 89 (90) « "The liberating Word is like a sword to cut in our lives everything that holds us prisoner."* The key to freedom is proposed to us by the letter to the Hebrews.

Keys for prayer

1. Allow the gaze of Jesus watch over Jesus, experience his love, what is eternal life for you?
2. What do you have to sell and give to the poor? What does not allow you to be free?
3. How can we help those around us to live the freedom that Jesus offers us?

COME AND FOLLOW ME _____

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC. Miracles – Paul Cardall

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gBI9hmfzh4s>

THE LIFE JOURNEY

Walk with a free soul,
and dream about the possibility of love,
Let life flow and assume the challenges.

Assess, shall I remain the same?
Leave behind all that you don't need.
Set your sights on today,
where only to walk with what is necessary
is just enough,
and the journey becomes lighter,
more humane, more just.
All that we have left over,
it is the other's need.
Walk, listening to the life.
Walk facing the pain.
Walk, awaking the laughter.
Feel that only your love,
strengthens my being.
I take steps forward, confident.
When you ask everything,
Knowing where I am.
It is worth to follow you!
Give what I am and I dream,
Discerning if it is worthy.
I want to be in You.
If I can see you today, I fly and let myself go.
I come to stay and to provoke
The needed clamors that raise lives.
Close behind and open the horizon.
I dream, I live in You.
I think on you and I believe.
I feel you, and I'm on my way.
To follow, is to leave behind, consciously,
the routine of life,
to run, jump, reach life
flowing in the marvelous torrent
of the greatest freedom that love gives.
To everyone, for everyone, with everyone;
You in Everything.

Hillsong – THE POWER OF YOUR LOVE

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nj53raU4qUE>



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