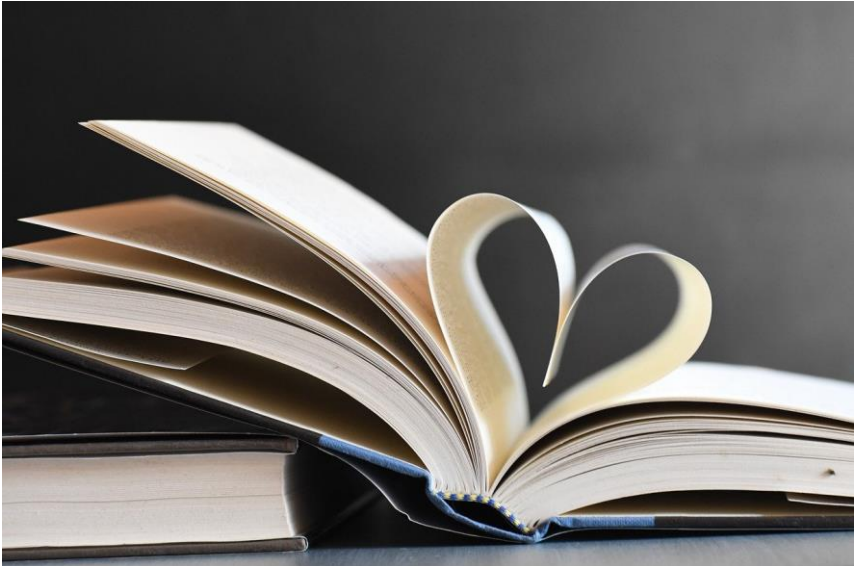


Gospel November 14, 2021. Cycle B
33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time



GOD WITH A WORD



THAT ALWAYS REMAINS

SETTING

Lord, every moment, every moment, they bring me to You, to thank the life that you give me every day, in them.

Faced with the great wonder of creation, every day I am amazed and surprised. Before the lives of the people I know, their stories, their circumstances, I thank you for the privilege of the meeting.

With all creatures I praise and bless you. Do in me according to your Word; help me to grow and continue to be a faithful witness of your mission in the reality to which you send me.

SONG. My word will be like the rain- Nico Montero
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UGW7UnNjHts>

GOSPEL- Mark 13, 24-32

“But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, the moon will not shine, the stars will be falling from the sky, and the forces that are in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of man coming in clouds with great power and glory; then he will send the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. Learn this parable from the fig tree: when its branches are tender and the leaves sprout, you know that summer is near. So you too, when you see this happening, know that He is near, at the doors. I assure you that this generation will not pass until all this happens. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But of that day and hour, no one knows anything, not the angels in heaven, not the Son, but only the Father. ”

Let us deepen the Text

Mark did not have us used to this type of speech! And, suddenly, his style begins to resemble the literature of that time and, of course, strange for our times today. It should be remembered that the last centuries, before the Christian era, were the scene of a great intellectual effervescence, not only in Palestine, but also in Egypt, Greece and Mesopotamia. The literature of divination (predicting) was fashionable; In all civilizations, in all religions, the questions are, everywhere, always the same: Who will have the last word? Is humanity going hopelessly towards its doom? Or will it be the Good who triumphs? What will the end of the world consist of?

This language is strange to us in our day today, but in the time of Jesus it was a transparent language for everyone. It is true that it was a codified language : in what is seen, it is a question of the sun, the stars, the moon and all of this will be disturbed. But in reality it is something else! It is about announcing the victory of God and his children in the great fight they have waged against evil from the very beginning of the world. This is the specificity of the Judeo-Christian Faith. For this reason, using the word "Apocalypse " to talk about terrifying events does not make any sense since in the Judeo-Christian language it is just the opposite. The revelation of the mystery of God has never tried to make human beings fear, but rather the opposite: it seeks to allow them to deal with all the disturbances of history, feeling reinforced by hope. Yes, all these texts have a point in

common: they are not designed to disturb, on the contrary, these texts announce the victory of the God of love.

When the New Testament arrived that sometimes also uses the apocalyptic style, it is the case of the Gospel of Mark that we contemplate today, the message of faith remains, fundamentally intact, and is reinforced by this precision : the last word, the definitive victory of God against Evil, it is immediate in Jesus Christ. It is not surprising, then, that being so close to his last Passover in Jerusalem, Jesus resorts to this language, to these images: the combat between the forces of evil and Jesus reaches a paroxysm and, in this text, if we know how to read between the lines, we hear a message equivalent to the phrase that the Gospel of John puts in the mouth of Jesus: " Courage, I have conquered the world " (Jn 16:33).

Clues for prayer:

1. What do you perceive in the world around us as the presence of God?
2. What are the words of God that base your life, the words that remain?
3. In the present moment, how can you continue to bring God's Word to life?

HOW FIRM IS YOUR WORD? _____

AMBIENTAL MUSIC.

Instrumental Violin Music - Alone with God.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6QoLHe2fOkA>

WORDS THAT DO NOT PASS

In every moment, in every corner,
favour the meeting and
share the moment.
Love is the source of life,
breath that energizes and shakes everything.
The meaning and the word that express it,
they activate the routine, they never happen;
still stand firm

in the harshness of time.
How different would everything be!
From that love, expressed in gestures,
everyday and concrete.
Inspire our life, Lord,
so that it expresses itself in gestures,
healers, transparent, restless.
Better in vulnerable places,
needy, far or near,
where it costs to get.
To be, to be, to look, to touch.
Be presence, in that life
that sprouts naturally, in its own way.
Every little face, every house, every place,
they are privileged spaces of the Gospel.
Every moment, day, instant; shared,
these are privileged times of the Gospel.
Every circumstance, situation, reality,
they are privileged snippets of the Gospel.
Each person, group, community,
they are privileged beings of the Gospel.
Every cry, prayer,
they are privileged gospel opportunities.
It's always time
It's always time
There is always reason,
to be, to talk about You.
And like your Word,
stay in time.

SONG. Thank you Lord - José Ibáñez

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7jqfIV8bfIo>



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