



XXIV Sunday 15th of September 24, Cycle B



HOW YOU TELL IT



SETTING

In today's prayer we welcome different perspectives, yours and ours. Faith and works. How do I read you and look for you in me and around me? How do I follow you? If any of you want to follow me, get on your way.

Our life must affirm God and his Kingdom, it must make your message tangible. You invite me to follow you and I follow you.

You are the Messiah

We are invited to be yes people, to affirm more than to deny. Witnesses to the truth, to justice, to the God of Life who is committed to everyone without distinction.

SONG. If you wish to be my disciple -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ICjcaz98ffY>

My Jesus, My Saviour – Light generation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jABSW-UuT1o>

GOSPEL – Mark 8, 27-35

"Jesus went out with his disciples to the towns of Caesarea Philippi, and along the way he asked his disciples this question: "Who do men say that I am?" They said to him: "Some, that John the Baptist; others, that Elijah; others, that one of the prophets." And he asked them: "And you, who do you, say that I am?" Peter answers: "You are the Christ." And he strongly commanded them not to speak about him to anyone. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be reproved by the elders, the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed and resurrected after three days. Taking him aside, Peter began to rebuke him. But he, turning and looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter, saying, "Get out of my sight, Satan, for your thoughts are not those of God, but those of men." Calling the people at the same time, he said to his disciples: "If anyone wants to come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it; his life for me and for the Gospel, he will save it."

To reflect on the Word of God today (Marie-Noëlle THABUT)

Isaiah 50, 5-9^a The key to this fragment is found in the verse that precedes our first reading today: «God, my LORD, has given me the language of a man who allows himself to be instructed, so that I too know how to comfort him who no longer can more. The Word wakes me up every morning, every morning it wakes me up so that I can listen like someone who allows himself to be instructed. The man who speaks here is fed with the Word of God, this is the cause of his persecution, but it also gives him the strength to face persecution. Obviously, we wonder who it is, well, this text is part of a group called the "Songs of the Servant" in the book of Isaiah: four texts that draw a surprising portrait: the portrait of the Servant of God. Surely this fact makes us think, quickly, of Jesus Christ!

Psalms 114/116. As always, in the psalms, the one who says "I" is not an isolated individual, it is the entire believing people who speak; a people that has suffered, that has prayed, one could say that it has "screamed" and that has experienced, in the very midst of suffering, that God was its ally.

On the ground, one could speak of experience: it is God, who takes the initiative, and this from always, one could say from the origin, and it is He who has called man into existence and this, precisely, so that man can be happy.

Letter of St. John 2, 14 - 18. Jesus' phrase is well known: «It is not enough to say Lord, Lord to enter the kingdom of heaven; "It is necessary to do the will of my Father who is in heaven." Less known is the phrase of James, and yet it says the same thing: "If someone claims to have faith, and does not act accordingly, what good is faith?" If this phrase is a bit controversial, it is because the problem in question was on the agenda.

Mark 8, 27-35, 15. Suddenly, Peter dares to make the most extraordinary declaration that could be imagined at that time: "You are the Messiah." What is surprising is Jesus' reaction; He does not reject the title, but Jesus quickly gives a strict instruction of silence. Several times we had already encountered the famous "messianic secret": it is too early to tell everyone that Jesus is the Messiah, this title is too ambiguous. Because it is true that he is the expected Messiah, but not as expected! This is what Jesus is going to try to make his disciples understand: «For the first time, Jesus teaches them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, that he be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the scribes, "Let them kill him and, three days later, he will be resurrected."

To Jewish ears, this speech was completely paradoxical: at the same time that Jesus claims the title of Messiah (Son of Man is a synonym), Jesus foresees failure, suffering, death. When Jesus applies the title of Son of Man to himself, he presents himself as the one who places himself at the head of the people of God. Because God's plan of salvation does not fit that of a triumphant Messiah: "so that men may come to know the truth," as Paul says (1 Tim 2:4), they must discover the God of tenderness and of forgiveness, the God of mercy and mercy. "Because whoever wants to save his life will lose it; But whoever loses his life for me and for the Gospel will save it.

Reflexion for the Prayers

- Why is Peter able to respond that way? What were your eyes capturing?
- Does recognizing Jesus as the Messiah lead me to behave...?
- What type of messianism does Jesus show us?



AMBIENTAL MUSIC. Searching for the Clovis Point

<https://youtu.be/eMKhaZAs0As?si=4wi8KaagDTsJgaiy>

WHAT YOU CLAIM

Acknowledge you Lord,
as a teacher,
as a man and
follow your footprints.
You are our reference
in life, your words,
your gestures,
They inspire ours.
Following you is always
winning.
Who are you to me?
You are the God of life
that suggests new creeds.
You are the God of surprise
that generates expectations
in our life.
You are the God of the Word
that transparent.
what it is and feels.
You are the God of the senses
that touches life.
You are the God of the
foundation
and the logic that traces

real roads.
You are the God of silence
which is continuous presence.
You are the God of the
crucified
that you heal by touching.
You are the God of the
universe,
expressed in things
concrete.
You are the God of the little
ones
those you empower
and recreate.
You are finally the God of life
that accompanies us,
who generates in us
the magic touch of the
Kingdom.
You are God, brother, friend.
May we be with our lives
your love and your dream.

CANTO. ¿QUIÉN DECIS QUE SOY YO? Salomé Arricibita

<https://youtu.be/3OK62AhraFE?si=Xkp5Dy2EZkjcNwK>



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