

Lenten Gospel Lectionary

Mark 8 ³¹ And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke this word openly. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke Him. ³³ But when he had turned around and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter, saying, “Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.”

³⁴ When he had summoned the people, with his disciples also, he said to them, “Whoever desires to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. me.

³⁵ For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? ³⁷ Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?³⁸ For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Mark 9 ¹⁴ And when he came to the disciples, he saw a great multitude around them, and scribes disputing with them. ¹⁵ Immediately, when they saw him, all the people were greatly excited and came running to greet him. . . . ¹⁷ Then one of the crowd answered and said, “Teacher, I brought you my son, who has a mute spirit. ¹⁸ And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not.” ¹⁹ He answered him and said, “O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to me.” ²⁰ Then they brought him to him. And when he saw him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth. ²¹ So he asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. ²² And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” ²³ Jesus said to him, “If you can believe, all things *are* possible to him who believes.” ²⁴ Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!” ²⁵ When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more.” ²⁶ Then it cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, “He is dead.” ²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.

²⁸ And when he had come into the house, His disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” ²⁹ So He said to them, “This kind can come out by nothing but prayer^[e] and fasting.”

³⁰ Then they departed from there and passed through Galilee, and he did not want anyone to know it. ³¹ For he taught his disciples and said to them, “The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after he is killed, he will rise the third day.” ³² But they did not understand this saying, and were afraid to ask him.

Mark 10 ³² Now they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before them; and they were amazed. And as they followed they were afraid. Then he took the twelve aside again and began to tell them the things that would happen to Him: ³³ “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn him to death and deliver him to the Gentiles; ³⁴ and they will mock him, and scourge him, and spit on him, and kill him. And the third day he will rise again.”

³⁵ Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him, saying, “Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask.” ³⁶ And he said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?” ³⁷ They said to him, “Grant us that we may sit, one on your right hand and the other on your left, in Your glory.” ³⁸ But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” ³⁹ They said to Him, “We are able.” So Jesus said to them, “You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized; ⁴⁰ but to sit on my right hand and on my left is not mine to give, but for whom it is prepared.”

⁴¹ And when the ten heard it, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John.

⁴² But Jesus summoned them and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³ Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. ⁴⁴ And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

⁴⁶ Now they came to Jericho. As he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging. ⁴⁷ And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁸ Then many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁹ So Jesus stood still and ordered him to be called. Then they called the blind man, saying to him, “Be of good cheer. Rise, he is calling you.” ⁵⁰ And throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ So Jesus answered and said to him, “What do you want Me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “Rabboni, that I may receive my sight.” ⁵² Then Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has saved you.” And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road.