

ENTRANCE INTO LENT
MIRACLE OF CANA IN GALILEE

SUNDAY

John 2:1-11 **The Wedding at Cana**

Let us be attentive to the Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the apostle John.

The Apostle writes:

On the third day

there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee,
and the mother of Jesus was there.

Jesus and his disciples had also been invited
to the wedding.

When the wine gave out,
the mother of Jesus said to him,

“They have no wine.”

And Jesus said to her,

“Woman, what concern is that to you and to me?
My hour has not yet come.”

His mother said to the servants,

“Do whatever he tells you.”

Now standing there were six stone water jars
for the Jewish rites of purification,
each holding twenty or thirty gallons.

Jesus said to them,

“Fill the jars with water.”

And they filled them up to the brim.

He said to them,

“Now draw some out,
and take it to the chief steward.”

So they took it.

When the steward tasted the water that had become wine,
and did not know where it came from
(though the servants who had drawn the water knew),
the steward called the bridegroom and said to him,
“Everyone serves the good wine first,
and then the inferior wine
after the guests have become drunk.
But you have kept the good wine until now.”

Jesus did this,
the first of his signs,
in Cana of Galilee,
and revealed his glory;
and his disciples believed in him.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.



FIRST WEEK OF GREAT LENT
ASH MONDAY

Matthew 6:16-21 **Teaching about Fasting/
Treasure in Heaven**

Let us be attentive to the Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the apostle Matthew.

The Lord Jesus says:

“Whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

TUESDAY: FIRST WEEK OF GREAT LENT

Matthew 6:5-15 Teaching about Prayer/
The Lord's Prayer

Let us be attentive to the Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the apostle Matthew.

The Lord Jesus says:

“Whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. “When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. “Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one. For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

WEDNESDAY: FIRST WEEK OF GREAT LENT

Matthew 6:1-4 Teaching About Almsgiving

Let us be attentive to the Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the apostle Matthew.

The Lord Jesus says:

“Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. “So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

THURSDAY: FIRST WEEK OF GREAT LENT

Matthew 6:25-34 **Dependence on God**

Let us be attentive to the Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the apostle Matthew.

The Lord Jesus says:

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you — you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. “So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

FRIDAY: FIRST WEEK OF GREAT LENT

Matthew 7:13-27 **The Narrow Gate/False Prophets/
The True Disciple/The Two Foundations**

Let us be attentive to the Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the apostle Matthew.

The Lord Jesus says:

“Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it. “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorns, or figs from thistles? In the same way, every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will know them by their fruits. “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many deeds of power in your name?’ Then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; go away from me, you evildoers.’ “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell — and great was its fall!”

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

SATURDAY: FIRST WEEK OF GREAT LENT

Luke 18:9-14 **The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector**

Let us be attentive to the Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the evangelist Luke.

The Evangelist writes:

Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

SECOND WEEK OF GREAT LENT
CLEANSING OF THE LEPER

SUNDAY

Mark 1:35-43 **Jesus Leaves Capernaum/
The Cleansing of a Leper**

Let us be attentive to the Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the evangelist Mark.

The Evangelist writes:

In the morning,
while it was still very dark,
Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place,
and there he prayed.
And Simon and his companions hunted for him.
When they found him, they said to him,
“Everyone is searching for you.”
He answered,
“Let us go on to the neighboring towns,
so that I may proclaim the message there also;
for that is what I came out to do.”
And he went throughout Galilee,
proclaiming the message in their synagogues
and casting out demons.

A leper came to him begging him,
and kneeling he said to him,
“If you choose, you can make me clean.”
Moved with pity,
Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him,

and said to him,
“I do choose. Be made clean!”
Immediately the leprosy left him,
and he was made clean.
After sternly warning him he sent him away at once.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

MONDAY: SECOND WEEK OF GREAT LENT

Mark 6:22-24 **The Light of the Body/
God and Money**

Let us be attentive to the Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the evangelist Mark.

The Lord Jesus says:

“The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! “No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

TUESDAY: SECOND WEEK OF GREAT LENT

Matthew 7:1-12 Judging Others/Pearls before Swine/
The Answer to Prayers/The Golden Rule

Let us be attentive to the Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the apostle Matthew.

The Lord Jesus says:

“Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. Why do you see the speck in your neighbor’s eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbor, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ while the log is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor’s eye. “Do not give what is holy to dogs; and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under foot and turn and maul you. “Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him! “In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

WEDNESDAY: SECOND WEEK OF GREAT LENT

Matthew 12:38-45 **The Demand for a Sign/
The Return of the Unclean Spirit**

Let us be attentive to the Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the apostle Matthew.

The Apostle writes:

Then some of the scribes and Pharisees said to Jesus, “Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you.” But he answered them, “An evil and adulterous generation asks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the sea monster, so for three days and three nights the Son of Man will be in the heart of the earth. The people of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the proclamation of Jonah, and see, something greater than Jonah is here! The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because she came from the ends of the earth to listen to the wisdom of Solomon, and see, something greater than Solomon is here! “When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it wanders through waterless regions looking for a resting place, but it finds none. Then it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ When it comes, it finds it empty, swept, and put in order. Then it goes and brings along seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and live there; and the last state of that person is worse than the first. So will it be also with this evil generation.”

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

THURSDAY: SECOND WEEK OF GREAT LENT

Luke 8:4-15 The Parable of the Sower/The Purpose of the Parables/The Parable of the Sower Explained

Let us be attentive to the Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the evangelist Luke.

The Evangelist writes:

When a great crowd gathered and people from town after town came to Jesus, he said in a parable: “A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell on the path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. Some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered for lack of moisture. Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. Some fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold.” As he said this, he called out, “Let anyone with ears to hear listen!” Then his disciples asked him what this parable meant. He said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but to others I speak in parables, so that ‘looking they may not perceive, and listening they may not understand.’ “Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away. As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear; but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

FRIDAY: SECOND WEEK OF GREAT LENT

Matthew 18:23-35 **The Parable of the Unforgiving Servent**

Let us be attentive to the Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the apostle Matthew.

The Lord Jesus says:

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

SATURDAY: SECOND WEEK OF GREAT LENT

Mark 11:19-25 **Cleansing of the Temple/The Withered Fig Tree**

Let us be attentive to the Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the evangelist Mark.

The Evangelist writes:

When evening came, Jesus and his disciples went out of the city. In the morning as they passed by, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots. Then Peter remembered and said to him, “Rabbi, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered.” Jesus answered them, “Have faith in God. Truly I tell you, if you say to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and thrown into the sea,’ and if you do not doubt in your heart, but believe that what you say will come to pass, it will be done for you. So I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. “Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone; so that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses.”

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

**THIRD WEEK OF GREAT LENT:
SUNDAY**

Luke 8:40-56 **Jairus's Daughter and the
Woman with a Hemorrhage**

Let us be attentive to the Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the evangelist Luke.

The Evangelist writes:

When Jesus returned,
the crowd welcomed him,
for they were all waiting for him.

Just then there came a man named Jairus,
a leader of the synagogue.

He fell at Jesus' feet
and begged him to come to his house,
for he had an only daughter,
about twelve years old,
who was dying.

As he went, the crowds pressed in on him.

Now there was a woman
who had been suffering from hemorrhages
for twelve years;
and though she had spent all she had on physicians,
no one could cure her.

She came up behind him
and touched the fringe of his clothes,
and immediately her hemorrhage stopped.

Then Jesus asked,
"Who touched me?"

When all denied it, Peter said,

“Master, the crowds surround you
and press in on you.”
But Jesus said, “Someone touched me;
for I noticed that power had gone out from me.”
When the woman saw
that she could not remain hidden,
she came trembling;
and falling down before him,
she declared in the presence of all the people
why she had touched him,
and how she had been immediately healed.
He said to her,
“Daughter, your faith has made you well;
go in peace.”

While he was still speaking,
someone came from the leader’s house to say,
“Your daughter is dead;
do not trouble the teacher any longer.”
When Jesus heard this, he replied,
“Do not fear. Only believe, and she will be saved.”
When he came to the house,
he did not allow anyone to enter with him,
except Peter, John, and James,
and the child’s father and mother.
They were all weeping and wailing for her;
but he said, “Do not weep;
for she is not dead but sleeping.”
And they laughed at him,
knowing that she was dead.
But he took her by the hand and called out,
“Child, get up!”

Her spirit returned, and she got up at once.
Then he directed them to give her something to eat.
Her parents were astounded;
but he ordered them to tell no one
what had happened.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

MONDAY:THIRD WEEK OF GREAT LENT

John 8:21-27 **Jesus, the Father's Ambassador**

Let us be attentive to the Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the apostle John.

The Apostle writes:

Again Jesus said to them, "I am going away, and you will search for me, but you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come." Then the Jews said, "Is he going to kill himself? Is that what he means by saying, 'Where I am going, you cannot come'?" He said to them, "You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world. I told you that you would die in your sins, for you will die in your sins unless you believe that I am he." They said to him, "Who are you?" Jesus said to them, "Why do I speak to you at all? I have much to say about you and much to condemn; but the one who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him." They did not understand that he was speaking to them about the Father.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

TUESDAY: THIRD WEEK OF GREAT LENT

Matthew 23:1-12 **Denunciation of the Scribes and Pharisees**

Let us be attentive to the Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the apostle Matthew.

The Apostle writes:

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, “The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat; therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have people call them rabbi. But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father — the one in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

WEDNESDAY: THIRD WEEK OF GREAT LENT

Matthew 17:10-13 **The Coming of Elijah**

Let us be attentive to the Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the apostle Matthew.

The Apostle writes:

The disciples asked Jesus, “Why, then, do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?” He replied, “Elijah is indeed coming and will restore all things; but I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but they did to him whatever they pleased. So also the Son of Man is about to suffer at their hands.” Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them about John the Baptist.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

THURSDAY: THIRD WEEK OF GREAT LENT

Luke 17:20-37 **The Coming of the Kingdom God/
The Day of the Son of Man**

Let us be attentive to the Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the evangelist Luke.

The Evangelist writes:

Once Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, and he answered, “The kingdom of God is not coming with things that can be observed; nor will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or ‘There it is!’ For, in fact, the kingdom of God is among you.” Then he said to the disciples, “The days are coming when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. They will say to you, ‘Look there!’ or ‘Look here!’ Do not go, do not set off in pursuit. For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in his day. But first he must endure much suffering and be rejected by this generation. Just as it was in the days of Noah, so too it will be in the days of the Son of Man. They were eating and drinking, and marrying and being given in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed all of them. Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot: they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, but on the day that Lot left Sodom, it rained fire and sulfur from heaven and destroyed all of them — it will be like that on the day that the Son of Man is revealed. On that day, anyone on the housetop who has belongings in the house must not come down to take them away; and likewise anyone in the field must not turn back. Remember Lot’s wife. Those who try to make their life secure will lose it, but those who lose their life will keep it. I tell you, on that night there will be two in one bed; one will be taken and the other left. There will be two women grinding

meal together; one will be taken and the other left.” Then they asked him, “Where, Lord?” He said to them, “Where the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.”

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

FRIDAY: THIRD WEEK OF GREAT LENT

Luke 12:16-21 **Parable of the Rich Fool**

Let us be attentive to the Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the evangelist Luke.

The Evangelist writes:

Then Jesus told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

SATURDAY:THIRD WEEK OF GREAT LENT

Matthew 12:1-14 Picking Grain on the Sabbath/ The Man with a Withered Hand

Let us be attentive to the Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the apostle Matthew.

The Apostle writes:

At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the sabbath; his disciples were hungry, and they began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. When the Pharisees saw it, they said to him, “Look, your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the sabbath.” He said to them, “Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? He entered the house of God and ate the bread of the Presence, which it was not lawful for him or his companions to eat, but only for the priests. Or have you not read in the law that on the sabbath the priests in the temple break the sabbath and yet are guiltless? I tell you, something greater than the temple is here. But if you had known what this means, ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the guiltless. For the Son of Man is lord of the sabbath.” He left that place and entered their synagogue; a man was there with a withered hand, and they asked him, “Is it lawful to cure on the sabbath?” so that they might accuse him. He said to them, “Suppose one of you has only one sheep and it falls into a pit on the sabbath; will you not lay hold of it and lift it out? How much more valuable is a human being than a sheep! So it is lawful to do good on the sabbath.” Then he said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and it was restored, as sound as the other. But the Pharisees went out and conspired against him, how to destroy him.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

FOURTH WEEK OF GREAT LENT: PRODIGAL SON SUNDAY

Luke 15:11-32 **The Parable of the Lost Son**

Let us be attentive to the Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the evangelist Luke.

The Lord Jesus says:

“There was a man who had two sons.

The younger of them said to his father,

‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’

So he divided his property between them.

A few days later the younger son gathered all he had

and traveled to a distant country,

and there he squandered his property in dissolute living.

When he had spent everything,

a severe famine took place throughout that country,

and he began to be in need.

So he went and hired himself out

to one of the citizens of that country,

who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs.

He would gladly have filled himself with the pods

that the pigs were eating;

and no one gave him anything.

But when he came to himself he said,

‘How many of my father’s hired hands

have bread enough and to spare,

but here I am dying of hunger!

I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him,

“Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you;
I am no longer worthy to be called your son;
treat me like one of your hired hands.””
So he set off and went to his father.

But while he was still far off,
his father saw him and was filled with compassion;
he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him.
Then the son said to him,
‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you;
I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’
But the father said to his slaves,
‘Quickly, bring out a robe — the best one —
and put it on him;
put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.
And get the fatted calf and kill it,
and let us eat and celebrate;
for this son of mine was dead and is alive again;
he was lost and is found!’
And they began to celebrate.

“Now his elder son was in the field;
and when he came and approached the house,
he heard music and dancing.
He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on.
He replied, ‘Your brother has come,
and your father has killed the fatted calf,
because he has got him back safe and sound.’
Then he became angry and refused to go in.
His father came out and began to plead with him.
But he answered his father,
‘Listen! For all these years

I have been working like a slave for you,
and I have never disobeyed your command;
yet you have never given me even a young goat
so that I might celebrate with my friends.
But when this son of yours came back,
who has devoured your property with prostitutes,
you killed the fatted calf for him!’
Then the father said to him,
‘Son, you are always with me,
and all that is mine is yours.
But we had to celebrate and rejoice,
because this brother of yours was dead
and has come to life;
he was lost and has been found.’”

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

MONDAY: FOURTH WEEK OF GREAT LENT

Luke 9:37-45 **The Healing of a Boy With a Demon/
The Second Prediction of the Passion**

Let us be attentive to the Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the evangelist Luke.

The Evangelist writes:

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met Jesus. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.” Jesus answered, “You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.” While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God. While everyone was amazed at all that he was doing, he said to his disciples, “Let these words sink into your ears: The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into human hands.” But they did not understand this saying; its meaning was concealed from them, so that they could not perceive it. And they were afraid to ask him about this saying.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

TUESDAY: FOURTH WEEK OF GREAT LENT

Mark 8:22-26 **The Blind Man of Bethsaida**

Let us be attentive to the Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the evangelist Mark.

The Evangelist writes:

They came to Bethsaida. Some people brought a blind man to Jesus and begged him to touch him. He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village; and when he had put saliva on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, “Can you see anything?” And the man looked up and said, “I can see people, but they look like trees, walking.” Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he looked intently and his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. Then he sent him away to his home, saying, “Do not even go into the village.”

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

WEDNESDAY: FOURTH WEEK OF GREAT LENT

Luke 7:1-10 **The Healing of a Centurion's Slave**

Let us be attentive to the Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the evangelist Luke.

The Evangelist writes:

After Jesus had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. A centurion there had a slave whom he valued highly, and who was ill and close to death. When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to him, asking him to come and heal his slave. When they came to Jesus, they appealed to him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy of having you do this for him, for he loves our people, and it is he who built our synagogue for us." And Jesus went with them, but when he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to say to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; therefore I did not presume to come to you. But only speak the word, and let my servant be healed. For I also am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and the slave does it." When Jesus heard this he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, he said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

THURSDAY: FOURTH WEEK OF GREAT LENT

Matthew 15:29-39 **The Healing of Many People/
The Feeding of the Four Thousand**

Let us be attentive to the Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the apostle Matthew.

The Apostle writes:

After Jesus had left that place, he passed along the Sea of Galilee, and he went up the mountain, where he sat down. Great crowds came to him, bringing with them the lame, the maimed, the blind, the mute, and many others. They put them at his feet, and he cured them, so that the crowd was amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the maimed whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And they praised the God of Israel. Then Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I have compassion for the crowd, because they have been with me now for three days and have nothing to eat; and I do not want to send them away hungry, for they might faint on the way." The disciples said to him, "Where are we to get enough bread in the desert to feed so great a crowd?" Jesus asked them, "How many loaves have you?" They said, "Seven, and a few small fish." Then ordering the crowd to sit down on the ground, he took the seven loaves and the fish; and after giving thanks he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all of them ate and were filled; and they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. Those who had eaten were four thousand men, besides women and children. After sending away the crowds, he got into the boat and went to the region of Magadan.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

FRIDAY: FOURTH WEEK OF GREAT LENT

Matthew 9:27-35 **The Healing of Two Blind Men/
The Healing of a Mute Person/
The Compassion of Jesus**

Let us be attentive to the Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the apostle Matthew.

The Apostle writes:

As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, crying loudly, “Have mercy on us, Son of David!” When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to him, “Yes, Lord.” Then he touched their eyes and said, “According to your faith let it be done to you.” And their eyes were opened. Then Jesus sternly ordered them, “See that no one knows of this.” But they went away and spread the news about him throughout that district. After they had gone away, a demoniac who was mute was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the one who had been mute spoke; and the crowds were amazed and said, “Never has anything like this been seen in Israel.” But the Pharisees said, “By the ruler of the demons he casts out the demons.” Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

SATURDAY: FOURTH WEEK OF GREAT LENT

Mark 3:1-12 **A Man with a Withered Hand**

Let us be attentive to the Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the evangelist Mark.

The Evangelist writes:

Again Jesus entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him. Jesus departed with his disciples to the sea, and a great multitude from Galilee followed him; hearing all that he was doing, they came to him in great numbers from Judea, Jerusalem, Idumea, beyond the Jordan, and the region around Tyre and Sidon. He told his disciples to have a boat ready for him because of the crowd, so that they would not crush him; for he had cured many, so that all who had diseases pressed upon him to touch him. Whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him and shouted, "You are the Son of God!" But he sternly ordered them not to make him known.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

FIFTH WEEK OF GREAT LENT: THE PARALYTIC

SUNDAY

Mark 2:1-12 **The Healing of a Paralytic**

Let us be attentive to the Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the evangelist Mark.

The Evangelist writes:

When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days,
it was reported that he was at home.

So many gathered around
that there was no longer room for them,
not even in front of the door;
and he was speaking the word to them.

Then some people came,
bringing to him a paralyzed man,
carried by four of them.

And when they could not bring him to Jesus
because of the crowd,
they removed the roof above him;
and after having dug through it,
they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay.

When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic,
“Son, your sins are forgiven.”

Now some of the scribes were sitting there,
questioning in their hearts,

“Why does this fellow speak in this way?

It is blasphemy!

Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

At once Jesus perceived in his spirit
that they were discussing these questions
among themselves; and he said to them,
“Why do you raise such questions in your hearts?
Which is easier, to say to the paralytic,
‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say,
‘Stand up and take your mat and walk’?
But so that you may know that the Son of Man
has authority on earth to forgive sins” —
he said to the paralytic —
“I say to you, stand up,
take your mat and go to your home.”
And he stood up, and immediately took the mat
and went out before all of them;
so that they were all amazed
and glorified God, saying,
“We have never seen anything like this!”

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

MONDAY: FIFTH WEEK OF GREAT LENT

Mark 5:1-20 **The Healing of the Gerasene Demoniac**

Let us be attentive to the Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the evangelist Mark.

The Evangelist writes:

They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. And when Jesus had stepped out of the boat, immediately a man out of the tombs with an unclean spirit met him. He lived among the tombs; and no one could restrain him any more, even with a chain; for he had often been restrained with shackles and chains, but the chains he wrenched apart, and the shackles he broke in pieces; and no one had the strength to subdue him. Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always howling and bruising himself with stones. When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and bowed down before him; and he shouted at the top of his voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me.” For he had said to him, “Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!” Then Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” He replied, “My name is Legion; for we are many.” He begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country. Now there on the hillside a great herd of swine was feeding; and the unclean spirits begged him, “Send us into the swine; let us enter them.” So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the swine; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and were drowned in the sea. The swineherds ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came to see what it was that had happened. They came to Jesus and saw the demoniac sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, the very man who had had the legion; and they were afraid. Those who had seen what had happened to the demoniac

and to the swine reported it. Then they began to beg Jesus to leave their neighborhood. As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed by demons begged him that he might be with him. But Jesus refused, and said to him, “Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and what mercy he has shown you.” And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

TUESDAY: FIFTH WEEK OF GREAT LENT

Mark 6:47-56 **The Walking on the Water/
The Healing at Gennesaret**

Let us be attentive to the Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the evangelist Mark.

The Evangelist writes:

When evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and Jesus was alone on the land. When he saw that they were straining at the oars against an adverse wind, he came towards them early in the morning, walking on the sea. He intended to pass them by. But when they saw him walking on the sea, they thought it was a ghost and cried out; for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” Then he got into the boat with them and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

WEDNESDAY: FIFTH WEEK OF GREAT LENT

Luke 7:11-17 **Raising of the Window's Son**

Let us be attentive to the Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the evangelist Luke.

The Evangelist writes:

Soon afterwards Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us!" and "God has looked favorably on his people!" This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

THURSDAY: FIFTH WEEK OF GREAT LENT

Mark 4:33-41 **The Mustard Seed/
The Calming of a Storm at Sea**

Let us be attentive to the Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the evangelist Mark.

The Evangelist writes:

With many such parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples. On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

FRIDAY: FIFTH WEEK OF GREAT LENT

Luke 4:31-44 **The Cure of a Demoniac/
The Cure of Simon's Mother-in-Law/
Other Healings/Jesus Leaves Capernaum**

Let us be attentive to the Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the evangelist Luke.

The Evangelist writes:

Jesus went down to Capernaum, a city in Galilee, and was teaching them on the sabbath. They were astounded at his teaching, because he spoke with authority. In the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, "Let us alone! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" When the demon had thrown him down before them, he came out of him without having done him any harm. They were all amazed and kept saying to one another, "What kind of utterance is this? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and out they come!" And a report about him began to reach every place in the region. After leaving the synagogue he entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked him about her. Then he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. Immediately she got up and began to serve them. As the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various kinds of diseases brought them to him; and he laid his hands on each of them and cured them. Demons also came out of many, shouting, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Messiah. At daybreak he departed and went into a deserted place. And the crowds were looking for him; and when they reached him,

they wanted to prevent him from leaving them. But he said to them, “I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other cities also; for I was sent for this purpose.” So he continued proclaiming the message in the synagogues of Judea.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

SATURDAY: FIFTH WEEK OF GREAT LENT

Mark 7:31-37 **The Healing of a Deaf Man**

Let us be attentive to the Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the evangelist Mark.

The Evangelist writes:

Then Jesus returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Eph-phatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

HOSANNA WEEK: HEALING OF THE BLIND MAN

SUNDAY

Mark 10:46-52 **The Blind Bartimaeus**

Let us be attentive to the Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the evangelist Mark.

The Evangelist writes:

They came to Jericho.

As Jesus and his disciples and a large crowd
were leaving Jericho,

Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar,
was sitting by the roadside.

When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth,
he began to shout out and say,

“Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

Many sternly ordered him to be quiet,
but he cried out even more loudly,

“Son of David, have mercy on me!”

Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.”

And they called the blind man,

saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.”

So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus.

Then Jesus said to him,

“What do you want me to do for you?”

The blind man said to him,

“My teacher, let me see again.”

Jesus said to him,

“Go; your faith has made you well.”

Immediately he regained his sight
and followed him on the way.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

MONDAY: HOSANNA WEEK

John 7:32-36 **Officers Sent to Arrest Jesus**

Let us be attentive to the Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the apostle John.

The Apostle writes:

The Pharisees heard the crowd muttering such things about Jesus, and the chief priests and Pharisees sent temple police to arrest him. Jesus then said, “I will be with you a little while longer, and then I am going to him who sent me. You will search for me, but you will not find me; and where I am, you cannot come.” The Jews said to one another, “Where does this man intend to go that we will not find him? Does he intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks? What does he mean by saying, ‘You will search for me and you will not find me’ and ‘Where I am, you cannot come’?”

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

TUESDAY: HOSANNA WEEK

John 7:1-13 **The Feast of Tabernacles**

Let us be attentive to the Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the apostle John.

The Apostle writes:

After this Jesus went about in Galilee. He did not wish to go about in Judea because the Jews were looking for an opportunity to kill him. Now the Jewish festival of Booths was near. So his brothers said to him, “Leave here and go to Judea so that your disciples also may see the works you are doing; for no one who wants to be widely known acts in secret. If you do these things, show yourself to the world.” (For not even his brothers believed in him.) Jesus said to them, “My time has not yet come, but your time is always here. The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify against it that its works are evil. Go to the festival yourselves. I am not going to this festival, for my time has not yet fully come.” After saying this, he remained in Galilee. But after his brothers had gone to the festival, then he also went, not publicly but as it were in secret. The Jews were looking for him at the festival and saying, “Where is he?” And there was considerable complaining about him among the crowds. While some were saying, “He is a good man,” others were saying, “No, he is deceiving the crowd.” Yet no one would speak openly about him for fear of the Jews.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

WEDNESDAY: HOSANNA WEEK

Luke 11:37-48 Denunciation of the Pharisees and Scholars of the Law

Let us be attentive to the Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the evangelist Luke.

The Evangelist writes:

While Jesus was speaking, a Pharisee invited him to dine with him; so he went in and took his place at the table. The Pharisee was amazed to see that he did not first wash before dinner. Then the Lord said to him, “Now you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. You fools! Did not the one who made the outside make the inside also? So give for alms those things that are within; and see, everything will be clean for you. “But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and herbs of all kinds, and neglect justice and the love of God; it is these you ought to have practiced, without neglecting the others. Woe to you Pharisees! For you love to have the seat of honor in the synagogues and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces. Woe to you! For you are like unmarked graves, and people walk over them without realizing it.” One of the lawyers answered him, “Teacher, when you say these things, you insult us too.” And he said, “Woe also to you lawyers! For you load people with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not lift a finger to ease them. Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets whom your ancestors killed. So you are witnesses and approve of the deeds of your ancestors; for they killed them, and you build their tombs.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

THURSDAY: HOSANNA WEEK

Luke 18:31-34 **The Third Prediction of the Passion**

Let us be attentive to the Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the evangelist Luke.

The Evangelist writes:

Jesus took the twelve aside and said to them, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. For he will be handed over to the Gentiles; and he will be mocked and insulted and spat upon. After they have flogged him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise again.” But they understood nothing about all these things; in fact, what he said was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

FRIDAY: HOSANNA WEEK

Luke 4:1-13 **The Temptation of Jesus**

Let us be attentive to the Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the evangelist Luke.

The Evangelist writes:

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’” Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

SATURDAY: HOSANNA WEEK

LAZARUS SATURDAY

John 11:55-12:11 **The Last Passover/
The Anointing at Bethany**

Let us be attentive to the Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the apostle John.

The Apostle writes:

The Passover of the Jews was near,
and many went up from the country to Jerusalem
before the Passover to purify themselves.
They were looking for Jesus
and were asking one another as they stood in the temple,
“What do you think?
Surely he will not come to the festival, will he?”
Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders
that anyone who knew where Jesus was
should let them know, so that they might arrest him.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany,
the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead.
There they gave a dinner for him.
Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him.
Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard,
anointed Jesus’ feet, and wiped them with her hair.
The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.
But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples
(the one who was about to betray him), said,
“Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii

and the money given to the poor?”
(He said this not because he cared about the poor,
but because he was a thief;
he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.)

Jesus said, “Leave her alone.
She bought it so that she might keep it
for the day of my burial.
You always have the poor with you,
but you do not always have me.”
When the great crowd of the Jews learned
that he was there,
they came not only because of Jesus
but also to see Lazarus,
whom he had raised from the dead.
So the chief priests planned
to put Lazarus to death as well,
since it was on account of him
that many of the Jews were deserting
and were believing in Jesus.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

HOSANNA SUNDAY & HOLY WEEK: SUNDAY

John 12:12-22 **The Entry into Jerusalem/
The Coming of Jesus' Hour**

Let us be attentive to the Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the apostle John.

The Apostle writes:

The next day

the great crowd that had come to the festival

heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.

So they took branches of palm trees

and went out to meet him, shouting,

“Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord — the King of Israel!”

Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it;

as it is written:

“Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.

Look, your king is coming,

sitting on a donkey's colt!”

His disciples did not understand these things at first;

but when Jesus was glorified,

then they remembered that these things

had been written of him and had been done to him.

So the crowd that had been with him

when he called Lazarus out of the tomb

and raised him from the dead continued to testify.

It was also because they heard

that he had performed this sign

that the crowd went to meet him.

The Pharisees then said to one another,
“You see, you can do nothing.
Look, the world has gone after him!”

Now among those who went up
to worship at the festival were some Greeks.
They came to Philip,
who was from Bethsaida in Galilee,
and said to him,
“Sir, we wish to see Jesus.”
Philip went and told Andrew;
then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

MONDAY: HOLY WEEK

Matthew 21:17-27 **The Cleansing of the Temple/
The Cursing of the Fig Tree/
The Authority of Jesus Questioned**

Let us be attentive to the Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the apostle Matthew.

The Apostle writes:

Jesus left them, went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there. In the morning, when he returned to the city, he was hungry. And seeing a fig tree by the side of the road, he went to it and found nothing at all on it but leaves. Then he said to it, “May no fruit ever come from you again!” And the fig tree withered at once. When the disciples saw it, they were amazed, saying, “How did the fig tree wither at once?” Jesus answered them, “Truly I tell you, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only will you do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, ‘Be lifted up and thrown into the sea,’ it will be done. Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive.” When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

TUESDAY: HOLY WEEK

Luke 13:22-30 **The Narrow Door/
Salvation and Rejection**

Let us be attentive to the Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the evangelist Luke.

The Evangelist writes:

Jesus went through one town and village after another, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, “Lord, will only a few be saved?” He said to them, “Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able. When once the owner of the house has got up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then in reply he will say to you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’ Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.’ But he will say, ‘I do not know where you come from; go away from me, all you evildoers!’ There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrown out. Then people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God. Indeed, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

WEDNESDAY: HOLY WEEK

John 11:47-54 **Session of the Sanhedrin**

Let us be attentive to the Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the apostle John.

The Apostle writes:

So the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the council, and said, “What are we to do? This man is performing many signs. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and destroy both our holy place and our nation.” But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all! You do not understand that it is better for you to have one man die for the people than to have the whole nation destroyed.” He did not say this on his own, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus was about to die for the nation, and not for the nation only, but to gather into one the dispersed children of God. So from that day on they planned to put him to death. Jesus therefore no longer walked about openly among the Jews, but went from there to a town called Ephraim in the region near the wilderness; and he remained there with the disciples.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

THURSDAY OF MYSTERIES

I

Luke 22:1-23 **The Conspiracy against Jesus/
Preparations for the Passover
The Last Supper/The Betrayal Foretold**

Let us be attentive to the Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the evangelist Luke.

The Evangelist writes:

The festival of Unleavened Bread,
which is called the Passover, was near.

The chief priests and the scribes
were looking for a way to put Jesus to death,
for they were afraid of the people.

Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot,
who was one of the twelve;

he went away and conferred with the chief priests
and officers of the temple police
about how he might betray him to them.

They were greatly pleased
and agreed to give him money.

So he consented and began to look for an opportunity
to betray him to them when no crowd was present.

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread,
on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed.

So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying,

“Go and prepare the Passover meal for us
that we may eat it.”

They asked him,

“Where do you want us to make preparations for it?”

“Listen,” he said to them,
“when you have entered the city,
a man carrying a jar of water will meet you;
follow him into the house he enters
and say to the owner of the house,
‘The teacher asks you,
“Where is the guest room,
where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?”’
He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished.
Make preparations for us there.”
So they went and found everything as he had told them;
and they prepared the Passover meal.
When the hour came,
he took his place at the table,
and the apostles with him.
He said to them,
“I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you
before I suffer;
for I tell you,
I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”
Then he took a cup,
and after giving thanks he said,
“Take this and divide it among yourselves;
for I tell you that from now on
I will not drink of the fruit of the vine
until the kingdom of God comes.”
Then he took a loaf of bread,
and when he had given thanks,
he broke it and gave it to them, saying,
“This is my body, which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”
And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying,

“This cup that is poured out for you
is the new covenant in my blood.
But see, the one who betrays me is with me,
and his hand is on the table.
For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined,
but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!”
Then they began to ask one another,
which one of them it could be who would do this.

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THURSDAY OF MYSTERIES

II

WASHING OF THE FEET

John 13:1-20 **The Washing of the Disciples' Feet**

Let us be attentive to the Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the apostle John.

The Apostle writes:

Before the festival of the Passover,
Jesus knew that his hour had come
to depart from this world and go to the Father.
Having loved his own who were in the world,
he loved them to the end.
The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas
son of Simon Iscariot to betray him.

And during supper Jesus,
knowing that the Father had given
all things into his hands,
and that he had come from God
and was going to God,
got up from the table, took off his outer robe,
and tied a towel around himself.
Then he poured water into a basin
and began to wash the disciples' feet
and to wipe them with the towel
that was tied around him.

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him,

“Lord, are you going to wash my feet?”

Jesus answered,

“You do not know now what I am doing,
but later you will understand.”

Peter said to him,

“You will never wash my feet.”

Jesus answered,

“Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.”

Simon Peter said to him,

“Lord, not my feet only
but also my hands and my head!”

Jesus said to him,

“One who has bathed does not need to wash,
except for the feet, but is entirely clean.

And you are clean, though not all of you.”

For he knew who was to betray him;

for this reason he said,

“Not all of you are clean.”

After he had washed their feet,
had put on his robe, and had returned to the table,
he said to them,

“Do you know what I have done to you?

You call me Teacher and Lord —

and you are right, for that is what I am.

So if I, your Lord and Teacher,

have washed your feet,

you also ought to wash one another’s feet.

For I have set you an example,

that you also should do as I have done to you.

Very truly, I tell you,

servants are not greater than their master,
nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them.
If you know these things,
you are blessed if you do them.

I am not speaking of all of you;
I know whom I have chosen.
But it is to fulfill the scripture,
‘The one who ate my bread
has lifted his heel against me.’
I tell you this now, before it occurs,
so that when it does occur,
you may believe that I am he.
Very truly, I tell you,
whoever receives one whom I send receives me;
and whoever receives me
receives him who sent me.”

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

GREAT FRIDAY: SIGNING OF THE CHALICE

John 19:31-37 **The Blood and Water**

Let us be attentive to the Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the apostle John.

The Apostle writes:

Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, “None of his bones shall be broken.” And again another passage of scripture says, “They will look on the one whom they have pierced.”

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

GREAT FRIDAY: ADORATION OF THE CROSS

Both of the following gospels are proclaimed.

Luke 22:1-23 **The good thief**

Let us be attentive to the Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the evangelist Luke.

The Evangelist writes:

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun’s light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, “Certainly this man was innocent.”

GREAT FRIDAY: ADORATION OF THE CROSS

John 19:17-30 **Jesus gives up his spirit**

Let us be attentive to the Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the apostle John.

The Apostle writes:

Carrying the cross by himself, Jesus went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’” Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.” When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it.” This was to fulfill what the scripture says, “They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.” And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son.” Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), “I am thirsty.” A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of

the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, “It is finished.” Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

GREAT SATURDAY OF THE AWAITED LIGHT

Matthew 27:62-66 **The Guard at the Tomb**

Let us be attentive to the Gospel of Life and Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the apostle Matthew.

The Apostle writes:

The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, “Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise again.’ Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, ‘He has been raised from the dead,’ and the last deception would be worse than the first.” Pilate said to them, “You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.” So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

GREAT SATURDAY OF THE LIGHT
PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS

Matthew 18:15-22 **Fraternal correction/The power of
United prayer/Seventy times seven**

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The Lord Jesus says:

“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.