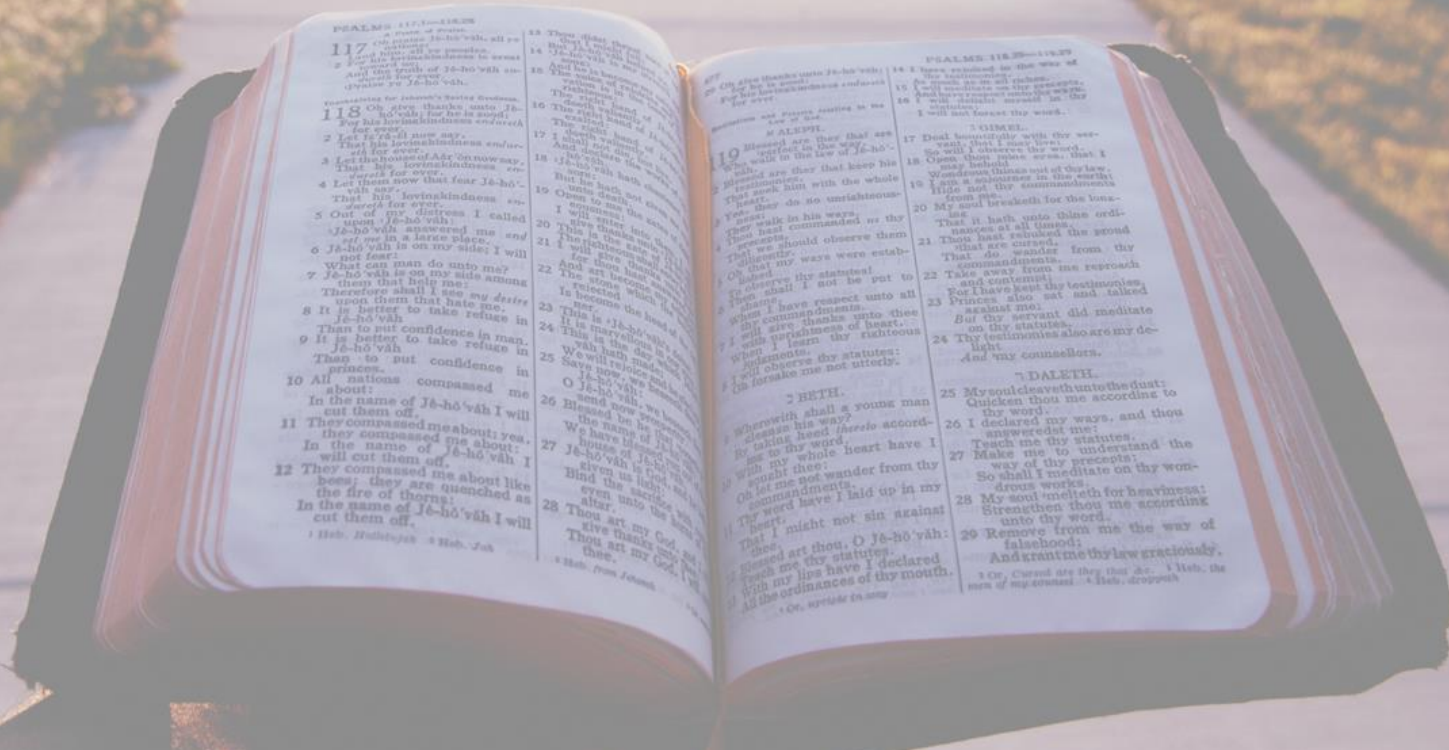


Getting Ready for Sunday!

Sunday, 21 January 2024



PSALMS 117:1-118:22

117 Praise ye the Lord, for he is good:
For his lovingkindness endureth
for ever.
2 Let Israel now say,
That his lovingkindness endureth
for ever: As it is now say,
That his lovingkindness endureth
for ever.
3 Let them now that fear Jé-hó-
vâh say:
That his lovingkindness endureth
for ever.
4 Out of my distress I called
upon Jé-hó-vâh:
And he answered me, and
set me in a large place.
5 Jé-hó-vâh is on my side: I will
not fear.
6 What can man do unto me?
Therefore shall I see my desire
upon them that hate me.
7 It is better to take refuge in
Jé-hó-vâh
Than to put confidence in man.
8 It is better to take refuge in
Jé-hó-vâh
Than to put confidence in
princes.
9 All nations compassed me
about:
In the name of Jé-hó-vâh I will
cut them off.
10 They compassed me about: yea,
they compassed me about:
In the name of Jé-hó-vâh I
will cut them off.
11 They compassed me about like
bees: they are quenched as
the fire of thorns:
In the name of Jé-hó-vâh I will
cut them off.

1 Heb. Multitudes. 2 Heb. Jah.

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1 Heb. from Jehovah.

PSALMS 118:1-119:177

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1 Heb. the men of my counsel. 2 Heb. droppeth

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

When Jesus calls the apostles to follow Him, they had to leave their old lives behind them.

Jesus' life is concerned with alerting all to know that the kingdom is not far away from us, but very near!

We come close to the kingdom when we are willing to let go of parts of our own lives that are selfish so that we can discover and share the gifts that will bring us closer to the way of Jesus.

We need to let go of whatever nets hold us back so that we can see the new hope that is offered to us in every situation and experience.

Mark 1:14-20



The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry



Jesus ministered in the ordinary places through which He walked each day!

We are called to be Jesus for others in the ordinary places where we are this very day.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God.



The time has come, and the kingdom of God is close at hand; repent, and believe the good news.

Reflection

Hear Jesus' words above!
He kingdom of God is near to you!
You are being asked to change some
of your ways and to believe that
God fills our world with Good News!

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen.

And Jesus said to them:

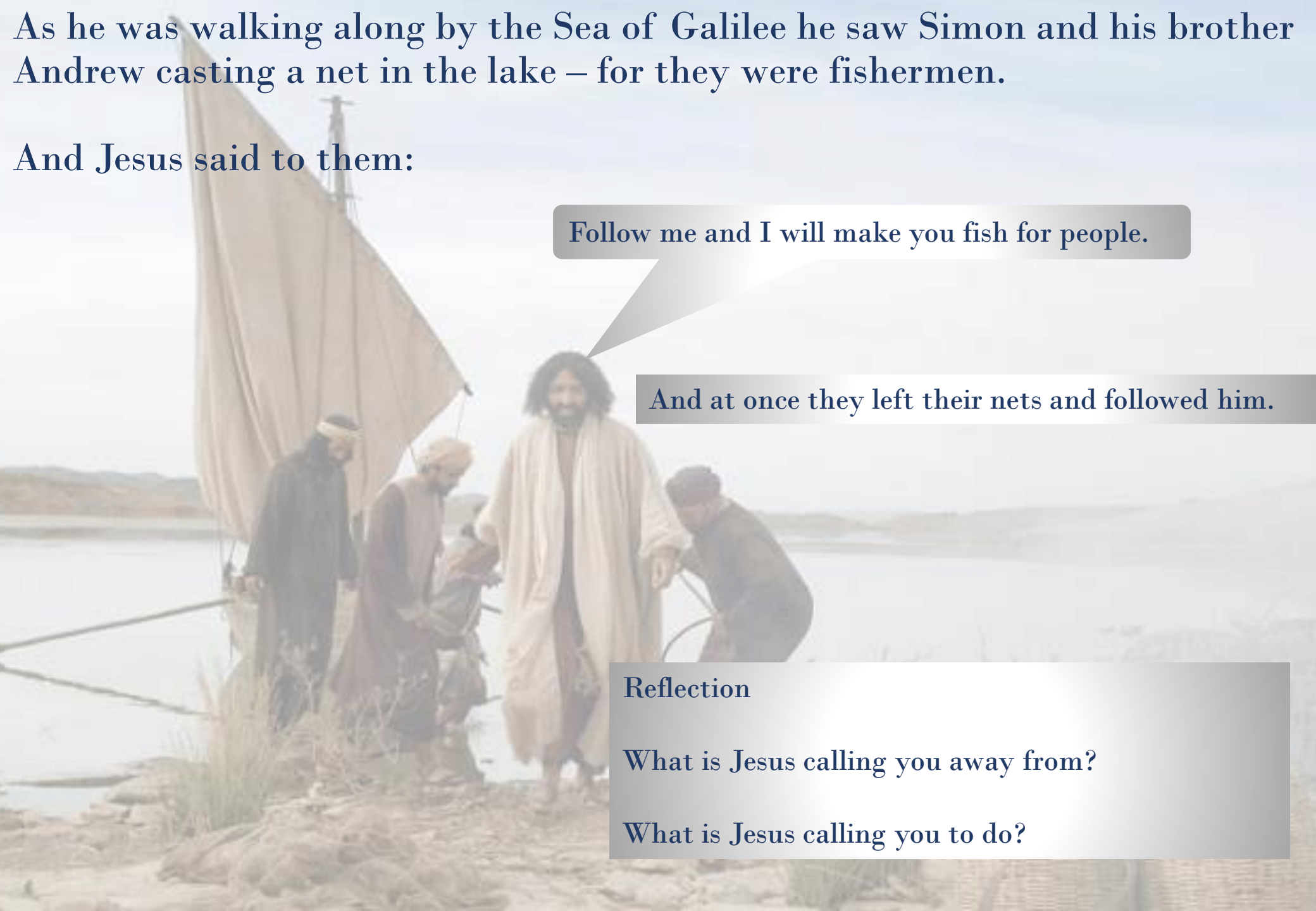
Follow me and I will make you fish for people.

And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Reflection

What is Jesus calling you away from?

What is Jesus calling you to do?



Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets.





He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

**Jesus had a special plan
for James and John!**

**Listen to that plan
stirring in your heart.**

**God has a special
plan for you too!**



CHANGE
AHEAD



Repent

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS NEAR

&

Rejoice



believe

Bible Search

Read Mark 1:14-20 in your family Bible-this is the Gospel reading at Mass this Sunday.



Consider



Can you lead someone to Jesus today?

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

Mark 1:14-20

1. ‘The time is fulfilled’ – this is a decisive moment in the life of Jesus. His public ministry is about to begin. Recall turning points in your own life when something new happened and with hindsight you can say the time was ripe for it to happen, ‘the time was fulfilled’.
2. ‘Repent and believe the good news’. Jesus called for a change of heart, as a response to the gospel message. A new level of faith in yourself leads to a new way of seeing yourself. A new way of understanding God leads to a conversion in how we relate to God, a change of heart. A growth in awareness of who we are can lead us to a new level of self-confidence, another change of heart. Can you recall times when ‘good news’ led you to a change of heart.
3. The Spirit of God who was at work in Jesus calling the disciples continues to work in our day and in our lives. That is why the gospel message is one of GOOD NEWS. In the everyday events of our own lives we can see the grace of God at work. When have you had what you would consider a ‘call experience’ that led you to a different style of life? Who was the ‘Jesus person’ through whom the call came to you? To whom have you been a ‘Jesus person’ in this way?

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Praying to Jesus

Pray for the grace to see
where Jesus is calling you.

Ask God to guide you open
your eyes to see God in
new places today.

