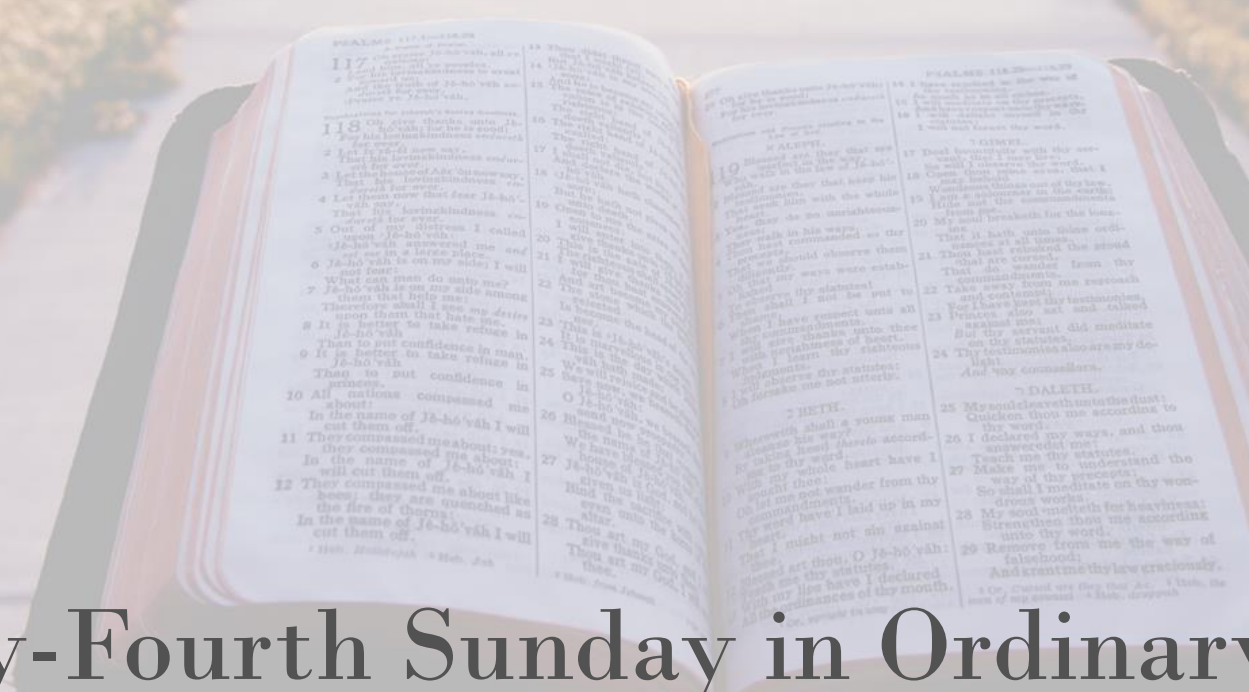


# Getting Ready for Sunday!

15 September 2024



# Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection



Mark 8:27-35

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples:

Who do people say that I am?



John the Baptist

Elijah

One of the prophets

# Jesus questioned Peter:

But who do you say that I am?



You are the Messiah.

We need to grow to know Jesus better each day through prayer and following in Jesus' footsteps.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly.



And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said:

Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.



Did Peter want the glory and the power and to ignore the suffering that happens to Jesus?

When we do nothing about what is wrong are we following Satan too?

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them,  
If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up  
their cross and follow me.



If we choose to follow Jesus  
we cannot ignore pain and  
suffering: we must deal with it!

For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.





Who do you say I am?



# Bible Search

Read Mark 8:27-35 in your family Bible



# SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

## Mark 8:27-35

1. ‘Who do you say that I am?’ Imagine Jesus putting this question to you. How would you answer it? How would you answer it, not in words taken from a catechism or textbook, but from your own experience of the significance of Jesus in your life? What does Jesus mean to you? What does his good news mean to you?
2. Jesus went on to teach his disciples that following him would be hard at times. There would be a price to pay. Perhaps you also have found that imitating the love and compassion of Jesus is not an easy road? Nor does it come easy to have the constant trust in God that Jesus had. Yet Jesus tells us that this is the way to life. Would you agree?
3. There is a natural human tendency to shy away from what is painful or difficult. Yet if that is our standard pattern of behaviour we will not get far in reaching our potential. We will never find who we are capable of being. When have you found it worthwhile to face difficulties, persevere, ‘carry your cross’ for a while in order to achieve some goal that was important to you?

# Consider



*Listen to God's whisperings in your heart.*

# Praying to Jesus



Pray for the grace to be open to whatever God speaks to you during the week.



Ask God to help you to listen well.