

Getting Ready for Sunday!

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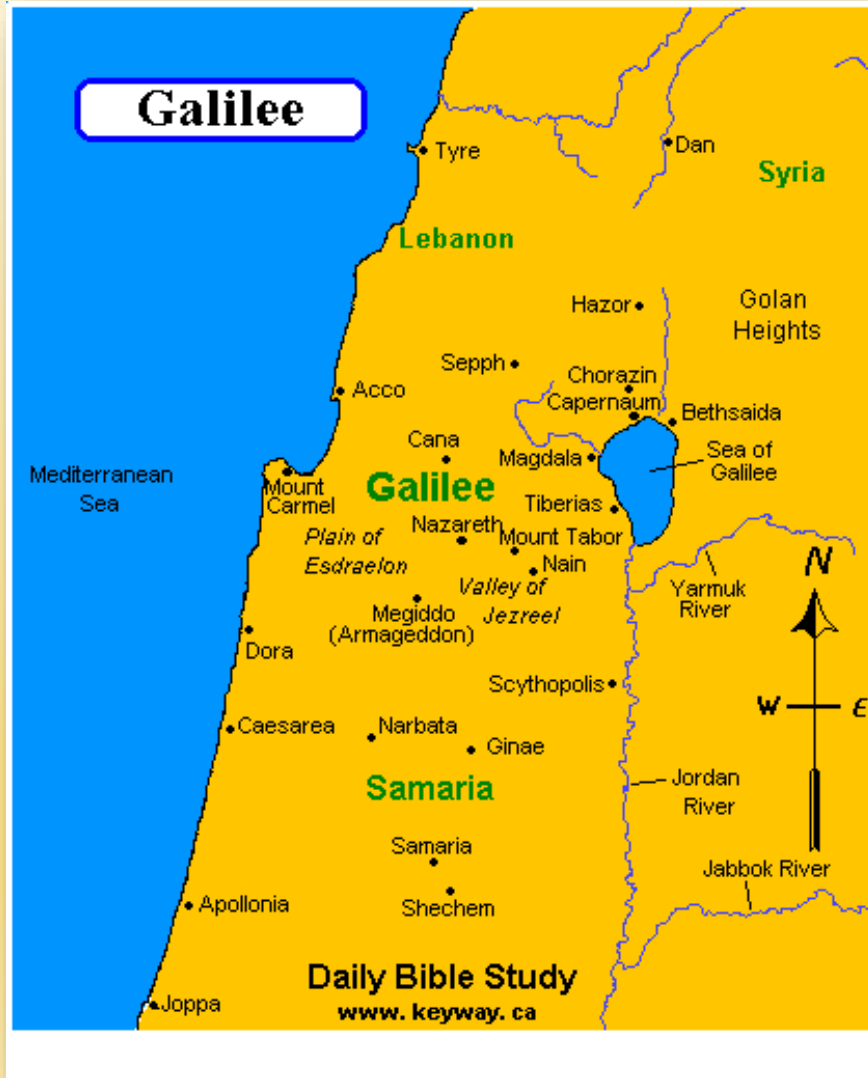
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus Again Foretells His Death and Resurrection



Mark 9:30-37

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them:



The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.





But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

The disciples were afraid that the good times were going to end!
They wanted salvation without the pain.

Choosing to follow Jesus means that we must accept the cross as part of the journey of life.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them:

A group of men, including Jesus, are shown in a close-up, smiling and looking at each other. Jesus is in the center, with long brown hair and a beard, wearing a white robe. The other men are also smiling and looking towards him. The background is a soft, warm light.

What were you arguing about on the way?

But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest.

He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them:

Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.



Christian leadership is about service – not the glory of holding power over others!

Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them:

Children were considered the least important people in Jesus' time!

Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.

How does Jesus treat those who seem unimportant?

How do you treat those who are vulnerable?

Who are the vulnerable people in our lives, our country and our world?





Bible Search

Read Mark 9:30-37 in your family Bible

17:7 *Following Septuagint, Syriac, and Vulgate; Masoretic Text

18:17 *Following Masoretic Text, Targum, and Vulgate; Septuagint reads *iniquity* (compare verse 18)

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

Mark 9:30-37

1. Jesus uses the time they are travelling along the road to teach his disciples what it means to be one of his followers. Think of the wisdom you have acquired about life, about faith, about what it means to be a Christian. Who have been your teachers? Remember them and give thanks for them.
2. One of the lessons Jesus gives them is that there is a dying to be endured as we move to a fuller life. That was the road he would travel. It is also our journey, not only at the end of this earthly life, but also in small ways through life. When have you found that by dying in some way you came to a fuller life?
3. Achievement, affirmation, recognition and status are attractive and enjoyable when they come our way. Yet we can be in trouble if, like the disciples, we become caught up in pursuit of them. Jesus tells them that true greatness lies in service of others. What has helped you to appreciate the value of loving service of others? When have you experienced the service of others to you?

Consider



*Do you have a cross that you are trying to
shake off your shoulders instead of owning?*

Praying to Jesus

Pray for the grace to know Jesus
in your pain as well as in your joy.

Ask God to help you to be
grateful for all experiences in life.