

2nd Sunday in Lent Year B

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- Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 - Covenant with Abraham and Sarah
- Psalm 22:22-30 - "All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD"
- Romans 4:13-25 - Abraham's faith "reckoned to him as righteousness"

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Mark 8:21-26

Jesus heals a blind man,
but it requires a two-step process.

- Mark 8:27-30
"Who do people say that I am?" ...
"You are the Messiah."

✠ **Mark 8:31-38**

Suffering and death; Following Jesus

- Mark 9:2-8
Transfiguration
"This is my beloved Son..."

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Context

²⁷ 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?"

²⁸ And they answered him,

"John the Baptist; and others, Elijah;
and still others, one of the prophets."

²⁹ He asked them,

"But who do you say that I am?"

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Peter answered him,
"You are the Messiah."

³⁰ And he sternly ordered them
not to tell anyone about him.

The Messianic Secret?

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³¹ 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.

³² He said all this quite openly.

The Messianic Secret Revealed!

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And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

³³ 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."

BAPTISM	CAESAREA PHILIPPI	GETHSEMANE
"You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."	"You are the Messiah."	"Abba, Father, for you all things are possible;
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And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan...	"Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."	remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want."

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³⁴ 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.

- *What about that "IF..."*
- *Literally: If anyone is wanting to follow behind me..."*
- *"Deny oneself " >> Renounce one's identity / kinship group "and take up one's cross"*
It is not about enduring suffering but about renouncing the usual ways of the world and being persecuted for it

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³⁵ 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.

³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?

³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?

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³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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- Why *must* Jesus suffer and die?
- What is the difference between setting one's mind on human or on divine matters?
- What does it mean to deny self, take up one's cross, and follow Jesus?
- How can losing one's life to save it be experienced as more than just a cliché?
- Answer the question of v.37: "What can a person give in return for his/her life?"

Comments