

BIBLE READINGS 30th JANUARY

Jeremiah 1:4-10

⁴ The LORD said:

⁵ “Jeremiah, I am your Creator,
and before you were born,
I chose you to speak for me
to the nations.”

⁶ I replied, “I’m not a good speaker, LORD, and I’m too young.”

⁷ “Don’t say you’re too young,” the LORD answered. “If I tell you to go and speak to someone, then go! And when I tell you what to say, don’t leave out a word! ⁸ I promise to be with you and keep you safe, so don’t be afraid.”

⁹ The LORD reached out his hand, then he touched my mouth and said, “I am giving you the words to say, ¹⁰ and I am sending you with authority to speak to the nations for me. You will tell them of doom and destruction, and of rising and rebuilding again.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 13:1-8a,13

What if I could speak
all languages
of humans

and of angels?

If I did not love others,
I would be nothing more
than a noisy gong
or a clanging cymbal.

² What if I could prophesy
and understand all secrets
and all knowledge?

And what if I had faith
that moved mountains?

I would be nothing,
unless I loved others.

³ What if I gave away all
that I owned
and let myself
be burned alive?

I would gain nothing,
unless I loved others.

⁴ Love is kind and patient,
never jealous, boastful,
proud, or ⁵ rude.

Love isn't selfish
or quick tempered.
It doesn't keep a record
of wrongs that others do.
⁶ Love rejoices in the truth,
but not in evil.
⁷ Love is always supportive,
loyal, hopeful,
and trusting.
⁸ Love never fails!
¹³ For now there are faith,
hope, and love.
But of these three,
the greatest is love.

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Luke 4:21-30

²¹ Then Jesus said to them, "What you have just heard me read has come true today."

²² All the people started talking about Jesus and were amazed at the wonderful things he said. They kept on asking, "Isn't he Joseph's son?"

²³ Jesus answered:

You will certainly want to tell me this saying, "Doctor, first make yourself well." You will tell me to do the same things here in my own hometown that you heard I did in Capernaum. ²⁴ But you can be sure that no prophets are liked by the people of their own hometown.

²⁵ Once during the time of Elijah there was no rain for three and a half years, and people everywhere were starving. There were many widows in Israel, ²⁶ but Elijah was sent only to a widow in the town of Zarephath near the city of Sidon. ²⁷ During the time of the prophet Elisha, many men in Israel had leprosy. But no one was healed, except Naaman who lived in Syria.

²⁸ When the people in the meeting place heard Jesus say this, they became so angry ²⁹ that they got up and threw him out of town. They dragged him to the edge of the cliff on which the town was built, because they wanted to throw him down from there. ³⁰ But Jesus slipped through the crowd and got away.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.