

BIBLE READINGS SUNDAY 17th OCTOBER

Acts 16:1-5

Paul and Silas went back to Derbe and Lystra, where there was a follower named Timothy. His mother was also a follower. She was Jewish, and his father was Greek. ² The Lord's followers in Lystra and Iconium said good things about Timothy, ³ and Paul wanted him to go with them. But Paul first had him circumcised, because all the Jewish people around there knew that Timothy's father was Greek.

⁴ As Paul and the others went from city to city, they told the followers what the apostles and leaders in Jerusalem had decided, and they urged them to follow these instructions. ⁵ The churches became stronger in their faith, and each day more people put their faith in the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Philippians 2:19-24

¹⁹ I want to be encouraged by news about you. So I hope the Lord Jesus will soon let me send Timothy to you. ²⁰ I don't have anyone else who cares about you as much as he does. ²¹ The others think only about what interests them and not about what concerns Christ Jesus. ²² But you know what kind of person Timothy is. He has worked with me like a son in spreading the good news. ²³ I hope to send him to you, as soon as I find out what is going to happen to me. ²⁴ And I feel sure that the Lord will also let me come soon.

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Mark 10:35-45

³⁵ James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to Jesus and asked, "Teacher, will you do us a favour?"

³⁶ Jesus asked them what they wanted, ³⁷ and they answered, "When you come into your glory, please let one of us sit at your right side and the other at your left."

³⁸ Jesus told them, "You don't really know what you're asking! Are you able to drink from the cup that I must soon drink from or be baptized as I must be baptized?"

³⁹ "Yes, we are!" James and John answered.

Then Jesus replied, "You certainly will drink from the cup from which I must drink. And you will be baptized just as I must! ⁴⁰ But it isn't for me to say who will sit at my right side and at my left. That is for God to decide."

⁴¹ When the ten other disciples heard this, they were angry with James and John. ⁴² But Jesus called the disciples together and said: You know that those foreigners who call themselves kings like to order their people around. And their great leaders have full power over the people they rule. ⁴³ But don't act like them. If you want to be great, you must be the servant of all the others. ⁴⁴ And if you want to be first, you must be everyone's slave. ⁴⁵ The Son of Man did not come to be a slave master, but a slave who will give his life to rescue many people.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.