



Lectionary Bible Study Our Savior Lutheran, Vero Beach

Lent 2B – Feb 28, 2021

Live Bible Studies Hosted on Zoom
Wednesdays @ 10:00 AM

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During the season of Lent we will be invited to look at both the appointed Sunday Old Testament readings (always about a covenant relationship between God and God's chosen people) and the appointed Gospel (where Jesus is establishing a new covenant between God and all God's beloved people).

Genesis 17:1-7

17 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ² And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous. ³ Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴ "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵ No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶ I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷ I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

1. What do you know about Abraham's history up to this point in the book of Genesis? (Consider doing a quick search)
2. What does a name change usually signify? In the bible, can you think of other name changes? Have you ever been given a new name?
3. How important is lineage and the promise of generations to come?

Mark 8:31-38

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. 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.”

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. 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? 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.”

1. When a sentence begins with “*then*” it’s a good idea to see what has just transpired before. Look at the Gospel narrative leading up to this point in Mark’s Gospel to help understand context.
2. What do you make of the exchange between Peter and Jesus? Put yourself in each of their shoes for perspective.
3. When is self-denial a good thing? How does one gain through sacrifice? What’s the difference between believing in Jesus and following Jesus?
4. What do you take away from verse 38? Do you hear it as more of a threat or more of a statement of reality? Do you hear it as judgement or encouragement?
5. Do you remember the story of Peter’s name change in scripture (see John 1:42)?