

## Annunciation Parish - Scripture Study 6/30/20

—Greeting and Opening Prayer

Any thoughts or questions from scripture passages you have read?

- Other faith questions?
- This Sunday: Trinity Sunday

### READINGS:

ZEC 9:9-10

PS 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 (I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God)

ROM 8:9, 11-13

MT 11:25-30

### GOSPEL:

- The wise and the learned do not know the things that the Father has revealed to the “little ones”
  - What has he revealed? Who are the “little ones”? Which group are you in?
- All things have been handed on to Jesus from the Father - prophecy.
  - How did he not have this already? What was he given? What is the greater significance of him being given these things?
- Only Father and Son know one another (we see passages like this elsewhere).
- The Son can reveal the Father to whomever he pleases. How does he reveal?
- Come to Jesus and receive rest. There is something to do.
  - Take up his “yoke” and learn from him. What does this mean? Are we willing to do this?
- The yoke is easy and the burden light - taking it we find rest (maybe it is easier than the yoke we put on ourselves)

### FIRST READING:

- Rejoice because the King comes! Strangely, meek and riding on an ass.
- This king is a savior. But how does he save?
- He will “banish” not necessarily a people, but he will banish war itself. What a wonderful image.
  - Do we see the route to peace in victory, or in mutual peace? How is this achieved? How can this play out in our lives?
- This king proclaims peace - since he is king of all, the edict applies everywhere. Yet, there is not peace. Why, if the King has ordered so? Does this have anything to do with the way the King arrives? Who are the true subjects of this King?

### SECOND READING:

- Being “in the flesh” vs “in the spirit”
- If only the Spirit of God dwells in you - this is the base level of being in the Spirit. What would be higher levels of living in the Spirit?
- We do not owe the flesh (as if it were our master) and must pay a debt.
- Living according to the flesh will make us die (how?), putting to death the deeds of the body by the Spirit brings life. What is meant here? How is the body “put to death by the Spirit? What does it mean to truly live?

—Closing Prayer