

Annunciation Parish - Scripture Study 1/26/21

—Greeting and Opening Prayer

Any thoughts or questions from scripture passages you have read?

- Other faith questions?

READINGS:

Dt 18:15-20

Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts)

1 Cor 7:32-35

Mk 1:21-28

GOSPEL:

- Jesus teaches as one with authority. What kind of authority? In speech only or does he project another authority?
- The unclean spirit knows about him.
 - Demonic forces do know some things based upon what they see happening, they are willing to use them. They are layers, but sometimes speak the truth - if it suits their ends.
- Single order from Jesus and the evil spirit obeys
- Who is the that they obey? Why were the onlookers so shocked?
- His fame spread. What does it take for his renown to be recognized by us?

FIRST READING:

- Prophecy of “THE PROPHET” who is to come.
 - The people thought that this was John the Baptist - he denied it.
 - Who is the prophet from among their kin that is raised up?
- The voice of the Lord they don’t want to hear, they are afraid.
 - Why? What is it about the voice that makes them afraid?
- God agrees to send one like them.
 - A prophet like Moses (giver of Law) (Authoritative)
- He speaks in the name of God - to not listen is to not listen to God
- God will make those who do not listen answer for it.
 - What do you think this means? Authority of the one who speaks, and the power of God to back it up.
- The prophet who does not speak in God’s name, or who speaks fro another God will die
 - Does Jesus pass the test for authenticity? Is His oracle fulfilled?

SECOND READING:

- The unmarried and married.
 - Unmarried can devote self to the Lord (we see one of the justifications for celibacy and religious chastity).
 - What do you think about the dividedness he speaks of?
 - Can’t someone be married and still voted to God?
- He issues no restraint - why is he talking about this?

—Closing Prayer