

Annunciation Parish - Scripture Study 1/5/21

—Greeting and Opening Prayer

Any thoughts or questions from scripture passages you have read?

- Other faith questions?

READINGS:

Is 55:1-11

PS 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 (The Lord will bless his people with peace)

ACTS 10:34-38

Mk 1:7-11

GOSPEL:

- John predicts one who is to come after him
 - This person is mighty; superior to him.
 - He brings a different type of Baptism (what is the difference between John's and the new one?)
- Jesus comes and is baptized by John
 - Why would Jesus be baptized by John? What purpose does this serve? Does he need it? What effect might it have?
- an EPIPHANY occurs (part of THE Epiphany) - Jesus is the beloved son. What does this mean?
- What connection does Jesus' baptism have to us, and for us, today?

FIRST READING:

- All who are thirsty, come to the water; all who are hungry, come and eat
 - God provides without cost. But we spend a lot - spent on things that do not actually satisfy
 - What is it that God provides without cost - is it regular drink and food or something else?
- Listen and you shall be filled, come to Him to have life.
 - With this one the covenant will be renewed (or even be made a New Covenant [Testament])
 - God made David a leader - this one shall be leader of a nation that does not know him, and other nations shall run to him. How does this relate to Jesus?
- Seek the Lord while he may be found
- Let people think of other ways, God's thoughts and ways are different.
- This word is not only hard for the unbeliever to understand, but also is a word of power - it achieves the end for which it is sent.
 - THE Word (Jesus) also achieves the end for which He was sent. What is this?

SECOND READING:

- God shows no partiality.
- Every nation that fears God and acts uprightly is acceptable.
- Begins with the baptism of John and continues with the anointed one Jesus
- He did good, healed those pressed with he devil.
- God was with him - as with those who are part of the body. In Jesus God was with in a unique way.

—Closing Prayer