

Jesus said,
“Destroy this temple
and in three days
I will raise it up.”

JOHN 2:19



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THE LAW

Today's reading from Exodus tells of God giving the Ten Commandments to Moses; this passage is well known to Christians, but it is only the introduction to the entire Mosaic Law, or Torah. The Psalm is a small section of the longest in the Psalter—172 verses—which are generally couplets (two lines) praising the Law as perfect, true, just, right, and so on. The Law is both the source of Jewish identity and the centerpiece of the Jewish intellectual tradition. Paul briefly compares this tradition with those of the Greeks, the two groups in the church at Corinth that were often quarreling. The passage from John's Gospel shows Jesus' righteous anger as he chases the moneychangers from the temple. His actions are a sign of Jesus' own reverence for “my Father's house,” which in turn reflects his deep appreciation for the Law.

“THE LAW OF THE LORD IS PERFECT . . .”

For pious Jews in first-century Palestine, the Mosaic Law prescribed the way every action in life is dedicated to God. Today's reading from Exodus tells how the Ten Commandments, the introduction to this larger legal code, is given to Israel as a gift from God.

In the Gospels Jesus is portrayed as a rabbi, or someone learned in the Law. A rabbi's learning ideally included both the precepts of the Law and its reverent contemplation as a divine gift, within which one could hear God's own voice. This was the way rabbis through the centuries used the Law to adapt to changing circumstances. This seems to be what Jesus was doing with the moneychangers in the temple.

JESUS, THE LAW, THE JEWS—AND US

When Jesus accused the moneychangers of sacrilege and cleared them out of the temple, the onlookers asked for a sign of his authority to do such a thing. After all, wasn't it a sacrilege to purchase animals for sacrifice with pagan coins? Wasn't this how the Jews adapted to Roman rule? Jesus says nothing about that; he only knows that this commercial activity inside the temple was a sacrilege. Elsewhere in the Gospels Jesus is criticized for not being strict enough with the Law, as when he ate with prostitutes and tax collectors, but here he is prescribing something stricter, something “more.”

Jesus is doing something extraordinary, contrary to ordinary practice, prompting the onlookers to request a sign, evidence that God is acting here through Jesus. His insistence that the moneychangers depart, his clear vision regarding “my Father's house,” and his cryptic reference to himself as a temple, are signs of his contemplative intimacy with his Father that is the source of his authority about the Law.

Catholics, like first-century Jews, have our regular means for living in God's presence. We have the liturgy, sacraments, devotions, and personal prayer. During Lent, we are asked to be a little stricter with ourselves, listening for God's own voice. If we do, we might discover that we, too, are being called to something “more.”

TODAY'S READINGS

Exodus 20:1–17 [1–3, 7–8, 12–17]
Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11
1 Corinthians 1:22–25
John 2:13–25

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading

The law was given through Moses
(Exodus 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]) or Exodus 17:3-7.

Psalm

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life
(Psalm 19) or Psalm 95.

Second Reading

We proclaim Christ crucified; the foolishness of God is greater than human wisdom
(1 Corinthians 1:22-25) or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.

Gospel

Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up
(John 2:13-25) or John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42].

READINGS FOR THE WEEK of March 8 - 14, 2021

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent; First Scrutiny

Monday: St. John of God

2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: St. Frances of Rome

Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt. 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday:

Abstinence

Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday:

Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday:

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21 Alternate readings (Year A):

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

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