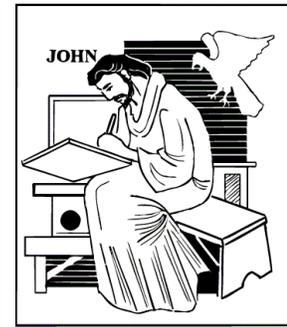
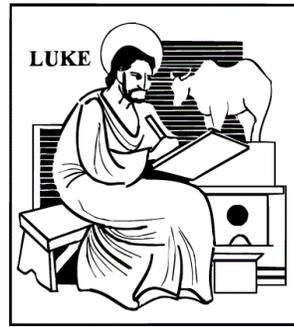
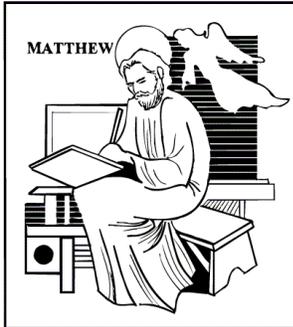


Breaking Open the Word



October 11, 2015 Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 143 Gospel [Mk 10:17-30](#)

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up, knelt down before him, and asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus answered him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: *You shall not kill; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall not defraud; honor your father and your mother.*" He replied and said to him, "Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." At that statement his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions. Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" The disciples were amazed at his words. So Jesus again said to them in reply, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." Peter began to say to him, "We have given up everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Amen, I say to you, there is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not receive a hundred times more now in this present age: houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and eternal life in the age to come."

Spiritual Reflection: Aaron Collins was a computer technician in Kentucky who died unexpectedly in July at the age of 30. He had one final wish: "Leave someone an awesome tip and I don't mean 25 percent. I mean \$500 on a pizza for a waiter or waitress." So Aaron's mother, brother and sister did just that. Not having the money themselves, they collected it from family and friends; then they went to Puccini's, a pizzeria in their hometown of Lexington. At the end of the meal, they told their waitress, Sarah, about Aaron and his final wish - then they handed the stunned waitress the five hundred dollars. When you finish your life how would you like people to remember you? Live that way now!!!

Spiritual Questions:

1. Jesus gave us many good things in His earthly life. Do you think that he would be the same in his heavenly life?
2. Aaron's generous life inspired his friends to do something good for others. Is your life going to inspire others?
3. How are you making others lives better now?
4. How is Christ still working in your life?
5. Why is it hard to enter into the Kingdom of heaven?