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SUFFERING

Suffering. We all know it. It is an inescapable part of the human experience. Our readings today help us understand what to do with suffering, how to redeem it for eternal glory. In a tenderly poetic passage, the prophet Jeremiah clings to the Lord, despite the suffering and hatred he endures in God's service. Since speaking on behalf of the Lord is the cause of his anguish, Jeremiah flirts with the idea of giving it all up, of abandoning his ministry. But God is "too strong," and Jeremiah remains faithful even in violent times. He knows, as the psalmist sings, that there is no life without God, for whom our souls thirst. Saint Paul acknowledges the universality of suffering and urges us to offer our suffering to God. God alone can transform our pain, our "crosses," into good for others, just as God redeemed the ultimate suffering of Jesus.

OFFER IT UP!

As Saint Paul says, we can offer our personal experiences as a "living sacrifice." Let's offer up our daily prayers, thoughts, words, actions, joys, and sufferings. Let's unite our sacrifices to the perfect sacrifice of Jesus we celebrate in the Eucharist. Our sacrifices—little or big, happy or sad—become the stuff of miracles. Consider the example of the loaves and fishes we read about a few weeks ago. Jesus' tender heart pities the hungry crowds. Jesus asks the disciples to offer anything they can spare. Using the ridiculously inadequate offering of five loaves and two fish, Jesus goes to work. He blesses their offering, breaks it, and uses it to satisfy thousands. Baskets overflow. Jesus uses a tiny offering and transforms it into real help for people in need.

We too can offer sacrifices for Jesus to transform. When we are confronted with problems we know we can't solve, Jesus remains calm. He asks us to give what we can. Often, we have no confidence. We scoff at our own pathetic attempts. We cannot imagine how God could possibly use our boring little sacrifices of dishwashing, caregiving, or e-mail-managing to bless the world. But Jesus takes whatever we offer. He blesses it. He breaks it. He transforms it into grace for ourselves and for all people in need.

PRAISE GOD!

The mystery of redemptive suffering transforms our lives, but it is not an easy mystery to accept. Suffering is not attractive. Especially when suffering afflicts innocent people, we cry out to God for justice and relief. Jesus' words today penetrate our hearts: "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." We beg the Lord to accept our suffering, then, and to transform it in ways we cannot imagine. Embracing the details and crosses of daily life, we look forward to the day when Jesus comes in glory, revealing to us how he used our sacrifices to bless the world.

TODAY'S READINGS

Jeremiah 20:7-9
Psalm 63:2-6, 8-9
Romans 12:1-2
Matthew 16:21-27

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Mass Schedule

(Note: All Masses are at Guardian Angels until further notice)

Ω—indicates a live-streamed Mass which can be found at:
<https://gachaska.org/live-mass-and-mass-video-archive/>

Weekdays:

Tuesday: 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday: 8:00 a.m.Ω
Thursday: 8:00 a.m.Ω
Friday: 8:00 a.m.Ω

Weekends:

Saturdays: 4:00 p.m.
Sundays: 8:00 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.Ω
Sundays: 12:30 p.m. (Mass in Spanish)

Reconciliation:

Saturdays: 3:15-3:45 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Thursday: 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Mass Intentions: Mass intentions may be for the living and/or the departed, with a † designating in the bulletin a deceased person. There is a \$10 suggested donation per Mass intention. Permission from the sick person or his/her family must be granted before a name's inclusion in these prayers. To schedule a Mass intention, call the Parish Office.

Baptism: Sacramental preparation is required for all parents. Godparents and Grandparents are also encouraged to attend. Baptismal prep sessions are given every other month and Baptism Masses are held once a month. Call the Parish Office to schedule a child for Baptism and the parents for baptismal prep.

Penance: Saturdays at Guardian Angels or by appointment.

Matrimony: Pre-registration required at least one year in advance; marriage preparation course is required. Initial contact: 952-227-4000, or e-mail: info@Gachaska.org.

Anointing: If you wish to receive an anointing please call the Parish Office: (952) 227-4000 .

Communion for the Homebound: When we come together to pray at our Eucharistic liturgy, we do not forget the members of our community who are unable to be with us because of ill health. We remember them in our prayers, and we wish to include them in our Holy Communion. Members of our community bring the Blessed Sacrament to them to comfort them and to unite us in the Eucharist. We are not always aware of those who have this need. Please call the Parish Office to let us know if you or a member of your family would like to have Holy Communion brought to them. That way we can schedule a time for our ministers to visit and bring the Sacrament.

Hospital, Nursing Home, Homebound Visits: Churches are no longer notified by hospitals or nursing homes when a parishioner is admitted unless the family has requested it. If you or a family member are homebound, hospitalized or in a nursing home and would like a visit from a member of the ministry staff, please call the Parish Office.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21;
Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6;
Lk 5:1-11
Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40;
Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-21; Lk 6:1-5
Sunday: Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10;
Mt 18:15-20

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
Thursday: St. Gregory the Great
Friday: First Friday
Saturday: First Saturday; Blessed Virgin Mary

TRAITS OF A TEACHER

All who undertake to teach must be endowed with deep love, the greatest patience, and, most of all, profound humility. The Lord will find them worthy to become fellow workers with him in the cause of truth. —St. Joseph Calasanz

FROM THE PASTOR

Get Behind Me, Satan!

Can you imagine a greater contrast? Pete has just solemnly confessed that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the loving God, the long-awaited for Savior of God's people from all bondage and oppression. But then Jesus begins to talk not about victory and new freedom, but of imminent suffering and being killed. This must have seemed like an unbearable contradiction to the apostles and especially to Peter.

So it is understandable, at least in human terms that Peter immediately wants to implore our Lord, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." The Messiah and Savior is to conquer, not suffer; he is to liberate, not perish. So Peter places himself protectively in front of him.

There is hardly any other passage where Jesus reacts so abruptly and harshly: "Get behind me, Satan!" He calls Peter who he made the rock of the Church just a little while ago a Satan. It must strike Jesus deep in his heart that Peter wants to keep him from his path. But then we realize that Satan tried to do exactly that in tempting Jesus in the desert.

But unlike his treatment of the devil, Jesus does not drive Peter away; instead he issues a challenge to him. Follow me because your way is not God's way. Your ideas of freedom, happiness, and salvation are not God's plans.

We can sympathize with Peter because he means well for his beloved Master, not wanting to see him suffer. But this is too serious of a matter. What a profound change of thinking is demanded of us here! Jesus knows of a deep reality of life known as self-denial without which there is no true happiness. If we desire to try to create our own happiness on our terms, we will waste our lives. Those who risk, give away, and not anxiously hold on to their lives will gain them. Perhaps this time of the corona virus has begun to teach us to let go of life lived on our own terms. Perhaps we are learning how to be flexible, open to the Spirit, patient and more mindful of others.

Jesus traveled this road to the end and now the Cross has become a symbol of great hope and new life. Peter changed his ways and followed Jesus even to death on the Cross, which he suffered in Rome, the place where the Basilica stands today. It is the place where his successor, Pope Francis lives out for us an example of self-denial with hope and courage to face life and to liberate many with compassion and mercy. —Father Tony



An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least

spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. **Amen**



Church Calendar

Monday, Aug. 31

Tuesday, Sept. 1

5:30 p.m. Mass at GA † Myriam Moh

Wednesday, Sept. 2

8 a.m. Mass at GA † Maddy O'Keefe

Thursday, Sept. 3

8 a.m. Mass at GA † Clarence and Caroline Lenzmeier

Friday, Sept. 4

8 a.m. Mass at GA—Mass of Reparation for Sins of the World

Saturday, Sept. 5

4 p.m. Mass at GA † Deceased members of the Steve & Kathy Rasmussen family

Sunday, Sept. 6

8 a.m. Mass at GA † Gerald Schneider

10 a.m. Mass at GA † Ron Pember

12:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish at GA—Mass for the People

Spiritual Retreat for Healthcare Professionals

September 25-27

Location: Christ the King Retreat Center, Buffalo MN

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Sunday Readings
August 30, 2020
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1

Jer 20:7-9

You duped me, O LORD, and I let myself be duped;
you were too strong for me, and you triumphed.
All the day I am an object of laughter;
everyone mocks me.

Whenever I speak, I must cry out,
violence and outrage is my message;
the word of the LORD has brought me
derision and reproach all the day.

I say to myself, I will not mention him,
I will speak in his name no more.
But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones;
I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

R. (2b) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God whom I seek;
for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts
like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary
to see your power and your glory,
For your kindness is a greater good than life;
my lips shall glorify you.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Thus will I bless you while I live;
lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name.
As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied,
and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

You are my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.
My soul clings fast to you;
your right hand upholds me.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Reading 2

Rom 12:1-2

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

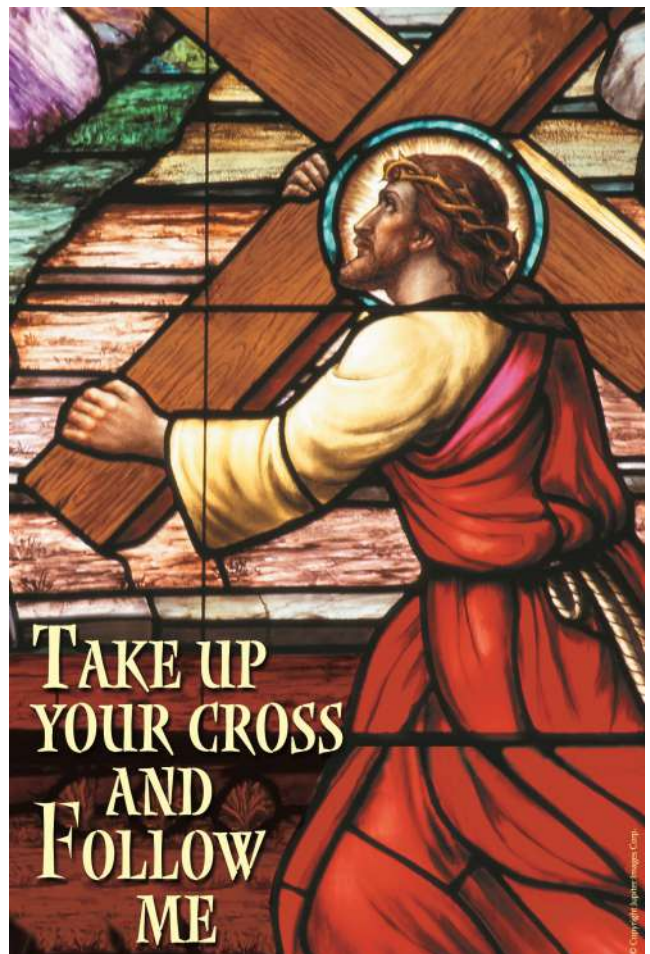
Gospel

Mt 16:21-27

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised. Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct."

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St. Nicholas Prayer Garden

Novenas to Mary!

All are invited to the St. Nicholas Prayer Garden to join in one or both of the novenas to Mary. A novena is a set of prayers that are prayed 9 days in a row. This often leads up to a feast day or special event. We are hosting a novena to Our Lady of Escalera/Stairs in Spanish starting at 5 pm and a bilingual novena to Our Lady of Health starting at 6:30-7 pm after the first novena finishes. The Novenas begin on Sunday, August 30 and will continue each night until Monday, September 7. Tuesday, September 8 is the

feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Please bring your rosary, a chair if you would like and an umbrella in the event of rain. Please remember to social distance and wear a mask if you feel more comfortable. We look forward to seeing you there!



Guardian Angels
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

This is the last weekend for contributions for the School Grant Match. Please send in your contribution and help us fund the opening of our school for in-person instruction. Every dollar goes to the cleanliness and excellence of our school.

Congratulations Father Tony VanderLoop on Your Installment as Our Pastor this Weekend!



Faith Formation

Thank you for your patience and prayers as we made important decisions about this year's Faith Formation program. With the health and safety of our entire Guardian Angels community as a priority, we have decided to begin the year with an all "NEW" Faith Formation.

Online & In-Person Meetings

Families will complete weekly lessons online, at home, then attend a once a month in-person grade level session. Families will be supported by the Faith Formation team throughout the month, allowing parents to experience the beauty & joy of our Catholic faith through the eyes of their children as they learn together.

Monthly Family Sessions

These small group meetings will be held in large spaces with proper social distancing. Catechists will lead the sessions, and materials for the following month will be distributed and reviewed. We will also have options for families that choose not to meet in-person.

All New Curriculum

High School youth in grades 9 & 10 will prepare for Confirmation using the *Chosen* series. The *Faith and Life* program will be used for grades 1-8, and Sacramental Preparation for [the First Sacraments](#) or Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist.

We Need Your Help!

Additional volunteers are needed to ensure that this year's Faith Formation program can occur safely and effectively. There are many ways that you can help. Please consider contacting us to discover the best way to share your gifts with children of all age groups.

Please do not hesitate to contact us directly with your questions or concerns. Blessings,

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Book Discussion: *He Leadeth Me* by Walter Ciszek

September 9, 2020, 7 p.m., Virtual Event, led by St. Thomas More Catholic Community

Jesuit priest Walter Ciszek spent 23 agonizing years in Soviet prisons and labor camps after being captured during WWII. In this book, he recalls how his utter reliance on God allowed him to endure. Read the book and join us via Zoom on September 9 for an in-depth discussion!

Registration is required on our website at: <https://www.morecommunity.org/he-leadeth-me-discussion>. After registering for the virtual discussion, we will email you a link to join the Zoom meeting as well as a handout with questions to consider prior to the meeting.



Jesús dijo a sus discípulos:
“El que quiera venir conmigo,
que renuncie a sí mismo,
que tome su cruz y me siga”.

Mateo 16:24

Vigésimo Segundo

Domingo del
Tiempo Ordinario

30 de agosto de 2020

SUFRIMIENTO

Sufrimiento. Todos lo sabemos. Es una parte ineludible de la experiencia humana. Nuestras lecturas de hoy nos ayudan a entender qué hacer con el sufrimiento, cómo redimirlo para la gloria eterna. En un pasaje tiernamente poético, el profeta Jeremías se aferra al Señor, a pesar del sufrimiento y el odio que sufre en el servicio de Dios. Dado que hablar en nombre del Señor es la causa de su angustia, Jeremías coquetea con la idea de renunciar todo, de abandonar su ministerio. Pero Dios es “demasiado fuerte”, y Jeremías permanece fiel incluso en tiempos violentos. Sabe, como canta el salmista, que no hay vida sin Dios, por quien nuestras almas tienen sed. San Pablo reconoce la universalidad del sufrimiento y nos insta a ofrecer nuestro sufrimiento a Dios. Sólo Dios puede transformar nuestro dolor, nuestras “cruces”, en bienes para los demás, así como Dios redimió el sufrimiento final de Jesús.

OFRECERLO

Así como san Pablo dice, podemos ofrecer nuestra experiencia personal como un “sacrificio vivo”. Ofrezcamos nuestras oraciones diarias, pensamientos, palabras, acciones, alegrías y sufrimientos. Unamos nuestros sacrificios al sacrificio perfecto que celebramos en la Eucaristía. Nuestros sacrificios, pequeños o grandes, felices o tristes, se hacen la materia prima de los milagros. Considera el ejemplo de los panes y pescados que leímos hace unas semanas. El corazón de Jesús se entristece ante las multitudes hambrientas. Jesús pide a sus discípulos que ofrezcan cualquier cosa que les sobre. Usando lo irrisoria e inadecuada ofrenda de cinco panes y dos pescados, Jesús obra. Él bendice su ofrenda, parte el pan y lo comparte para satisfacer el hambre de miles. Las canastas rebozan. Jesús utiliza una pequeña ofrenda y la transforma en una ayuda verdadera para ofrecer a las personas más necesitadas.

Nosotros también podemos ofrecer sacrificios para que Jesús los transforme. Cuando tenemos que enfrentar problemas sabemos que no podemos resolverlos, Jesús permanece calmado. Él nos pide dar lo que podamos. A menudo, no tenemos confianza. Nos burlamos de nuestros intentos patéticos. No podemos imaginar cómo Dios podría posiblemente usar nuestros sacrificios pequeños aburridos de lavar los trastes, hacer la limpieza o enviar correos electrónicos para bendecir el mundo. Pero Jesús toma cualquier cosa que ofrezcamos. Él lo bendice. Lo parte. Lo transforma en gracia para nosotros y para todas las personas necesitadas.

¡ALABADO SEA DIOS!

El misterio del sufrimiento redentor transforma nuestras vidas, pero no es un misterio fácil de aceptarlo. El sufrimiento no es atractivo. Especialmente cuando el sufrimiento aflige a personas inocentes, levantamos la voz a Dios por justicia y alivio. Las palabras de Jesús hoy penetran nuestros corazones: “tú modo de pensar no es el de Dios, sino el de los hombres”. Rogamos para que el Señor acepte nuestro sufrimiento y lo transforme en formas que no podemos imaginar. Abrazando los detalles y las cruces de la vida diaria, ansiamos el día cuando Jesús vuelva en su gloria, revelándonos cómo él usó nuestros sacrificios para bendecir al mundo.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Jeremías 20:7-9
Salmo 63 (62):2-6, 8-9
Romanos 12:1-2
Mateo 16:21-27

Esbozo, **Martirio de San Pedro, 1598/99**

Andrea Boscoli

Italiano, c. 1560-1608

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Primera lectura

Jer 20, 7–9

Me sedujiste, Señor, y me dejé seducir;
fuiste más fuerte que yo y me venciste.
He sido el hazmerreír de todos;
día tras día se burlan de mí.
Desde que comencé a hablar,
he tenido que anunciar a gritos violencia y destrucción.
Por anunciar la palabra del Señor,
me he convertido en objeto de oprobio y de burla todo el día.
He llegado a decirme: “Ya no me acordaré del Señor
ni hablaré más en su nombre”.
Pero había en mí como un fuego ardiente,
encerrado en mis huesos;
yo me esforzaba por contenerlo y no podía.

Salmo Responsorial

Sal 62, 2. 3–4. 5–6. 8–9

R. (2b) Señor, mi alma tiene sed de ti.

Señor, tú eres mi Dios, a ti te busco;
de ti sedienta está mi alma.
Señor, todo mi ser te añora
como el suelo reseco añora el agua.
R. Señor, mi alma tiene sed de ti.
Para admirar tu gloria y tu poder,
con este afán te busco en tu santuario.
Pues mejor es tu amor que la existencia;
siempre, Señor, te alabarán mis labios.

R. Señor, mi alma tiene sed de ti.

Podré así bendecirte mientras viva
y levantar en oración mis manos.
De lo mejor se saciará mi alma;
te alabaré con jubilosos labios.
R. Señor, mi alma tiene sed de ti.
Porque fuiste mi auxilio,
y a tu sombra, Señor, canto con gozo.
A ti se adhiere mi alma
y tu diestra me de seguro apoyo.

R. Señor, mi alma tiene sed de ti.

LA CRUZ DE JESÚS

La percepción de una cruz cambió dramáticamente después de la crucifixión de Jesús. Antes de ese suceso, la muerte en una cruz no era tan solo horrible, sino que era degradante. Era un castigo reservado únicamente para los más horrendos criminales. La palabra “gloria” no habría hallado su lugar en una oración que contuviera la palabra “cruz”. Mas todo esto cambió con Jesús. Con el pasar del tiempo, los creyentes comenzaron a venerar y a honrar la Cruz. La pintaron, esculpieron, y tallaron imágenes de la misma. Muchos perdieron su vida por asociarse con ella. Hoy nuestra reverencia y relación con la cruz poco recuerda el desprecio al que originalmente estuvo asociada. Con el curso de los años, es nuestra percepción de la Cruz la que determina cómo seguimos a Jesús.

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Segunda lectura

Rom 12, 1–2

Hermanos: Por la misericordia que Dios les ha manifestado, los exhorto a que se ofrezcan ustedes mismos como una ofrenda viva, santa y agradable a Dios, porque en esto consiste el verdadero culto. No se dejen transformar por los criterios de este mundo; sino dejen que una nueva manera de pensar los transforme internamente, para que sepan distinguir cuál es la voluntad de Dios, es decir, lo que es bueno, lo que le agrada, lo perfecto.

Evangelio

Mt 16, 21–27

En aquel tiempo, comenzó Jesús a anunciar a sus discípulos que tenía que ir a Jerusalén para padecer allí mucho de parte de los ancianos, de los sumos sacerdotes y de los escribas; que tenía que ser condenado a muerte y resucitar al tercer día.

Pedro se lo llevó aparte y trató de disuadirlo, diciéndole: “No lo permita Dios, Señor; eso no te puede suceder a ti”. Pero Jesús se volvió a Pedro y le dijo: “¡Apártate de mí, Satanás, y no intentes hacerme tropezar en mi camino, porque tu modo de pensar no es el de Dios, sino el de los hombres!”

Luego Jesús dijo a sus discípulos: “El que quiera venir conmigo, que renuncie a sí mismo, que tome su cruz y me siga. Pues el que quiera salvar su vida, la perderá; pero el que pierda su vida por mí, la encontrará. ¿De qué le sirve a uno ganar el mundo entero, si pierde su vida? ¿Y qué podrá dar uno a cambio para recobrarla?”

Porque el Hijo del hombre ha de venir rodeado de la gloria de su Padre, en compañía de sus ángeles, y entonces le dará a cada uno lo que merecen sus obras”.

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