

First Lesson

Proverbs 22:6-9

Train children in the right way,

and when old, they will not stray.

⁷The rich rule over the poor,

and the borrower is the slave of the lender.

⁸Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,

and the rod of anger will fail.

⁹Those who are generous are blessed,

for they share their bread with the poor.

Psalm 137

1 By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, *

when we remembered you, O Zion.

2 As for our harps, we hung them up *

on the trees in the midst of that land.

3 For those who led us away captive asked us for a song,

and our oppressors called for mirth: *

"Sing us one of the songs of Zion."

4 How shall we sing the Lord'S song *

upon an alien soil.

5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, *

let my right hand forget its skill.

6 Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth

if I do not remember you, *

if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.

7 Remember the day of Jerusalem, O Lord,

against the people of Edom, *

who said, "Down with it! down with it!

even to the ground!"

8 O Daughter of Babylon, doomed to destruction, *

happy the one who pays you back

for what you have done to us!

9 Happy shall he be who takes your little ones, *
and dashes them against the rock!

Second Lesson

2 Thessalonians 3:1-5

Finally, brothers and sisters,^[a] pray for us, so that the word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be glorified everywhere, just as it is among you, ²and that we may be rescued from wicked and evil people; for not all have faith. ³But the Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one.^[b] ⁴And we have confidence in the Lord concerning you, that you are doing and will go on doing the things that we command. ⁵May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

The Gospel

Matthew 4:18-25

¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them.²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³Jesus^[a] went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news^[b] of the kingdom and curing every^[c] disease and every sickness among the people. ²⁴So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought to him all the sick, those who were afflicted with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, and paralytics, and he cured them. ²⁵And great crowds followed him from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.