

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

[20.20-28]

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Not so with you.
Instead, whoever wants
to become great among you
must be your servant,
and whoever wants to be
first must be your slave.
Matthew 20:26-27



20 Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favour of him.

21 And he said to her, 'What do you want?'

She said to him,

'Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.'

22 But Jesus answered,

'You do not know what you are asking.

Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?'

They said to him, 'We are able.'

23 He said to them, 'You will indeed drink my cup,

but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.'

24 When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers.

25 But Jesus called them to him and said,

'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them.

26 It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant,

27 and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave;

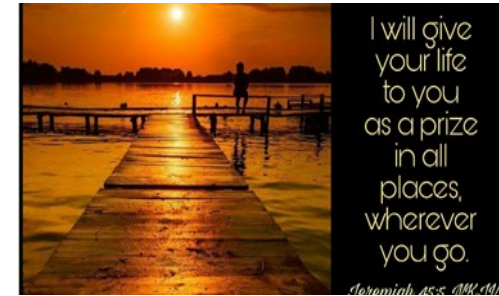
28 just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Readings for 25th July 2021—James, Apostle & Martyr

A reading from Jeremiah chapter 45.



45.1 The word that the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Baruch son of Neriah, when he wrote these words in a scroll at the dictation of Jeremiah,

in the fourth year of King Jehoiakim son of Josiah of Judah:

2 Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, to you, O Baruch:

3 You said, 'Woe is me!

The LORD has added sorrow to my pain;

I am weary with my groaning, and I find no rest.'

4 Thus you shall say to him,

'Thus says the LORD:

I am going to break down what I have built,

and pluck up what I have planted—that is, the whole land.

5 And you, do you seek great things for yourself?

Do not seek them;

for I am going to bring disaster upon all flesh,

says the LORD;

but I will give you your life as a prize of war

in every place to which you may go.'

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126



1. When the Lord turned against the fortunes of Zion:
then were we like those restored to life.
2. **Then was our mouth filled with laughter:
and our tongue with singing.**
3. Then said they among the heathen:
'The Lord has done great things for them.'
4. **Truly the Lord has done great things for us:
and therefore we rejoiced.**
5. Turn again our fortunes, O Lord:
as the streams return to the dry south.
6. **Those who sow in tears:
shall reap with songs of joy.**
7. They that go out weeping, bearing the seed:
shall come again in gladness,
bringing their sheaves with them.

**Glory to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen**

A reading from the Book of Acts chapter 11:27-12:3.



- 27 At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch.**
²⁸One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius.
²⁹The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea;
³⁰this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

- 12.1 About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church.**
²He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword.
³After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.)

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