

SEASON OF LENT

“Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth: who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life...”

Pope Benedict XVI

Questions
JESUS
Asked

**This is God's Word for my life in this
Place and at this Time. Today I am a
new creation in Christ, I am God's very
own, and I KNOW He has a purpose for
my life.**

As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

“*Why do you call me good?*” Jesus answered.
“No one is good—except God alone.

You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.’”

“Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.”

Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, *“How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!”*

The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, “Who then can be saved?”

Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.”

Mark 10:17-27

***“Addition-To”* Mentality**

I'm so unfulfilled, what must I do
“in addition-to” what I'm already doing?

Jesus challenges our Premise

Can you ever be “good-enough”?

Performance based or Presence Based

Jesus challenges our PATH

Poverty of Privilege: *Approval, privilege, position all came from his treasure*

“Where you stumble, there lies your treasure.” *J.Campbell*

Jesus offers a Love Mentality

Jesus looked at him and loved him.

“One thing you lack...”

“Do you love me more than these?”

John 21:15

HOLY COMMUNION



Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in
peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our
sins before God and one another.



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Our Response:

Creator God, forgive us for all the sin that spoils our lives. Forgive us for having seen your holiness and choosing then to put it at the back of our minds. Forgive us for thinking we can earn your love and a place in Heaven forgetting that all that has been bought for us at a great price by Christ. Forgive us for thinking that our only choice is to go on as we are when what we really need is a radical change that will constitute being born again. Assure us of our forgiveness through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.



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Response: The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Response: Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Response: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.



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It is right, a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

In love you made us for yourself; and when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, your love remained steadfast.



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You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the Easter feast, that, renewed by your Word and Sacraments and fervent in prayer and works of justice and mercy, we may come to the fullness of grace that you have prepared for those who love you.



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And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Response:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of Power and Might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed in he who
comes in the name of the Lord.**

Hosanna in the Highest.



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Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, whom you sent in the fullness of time to redeem the world. He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in our likeness. He humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. He took upon himself our sin and offered himself, a perfect sacrifice for the sin of the whole world.



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By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.



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On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

*“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”*



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When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Drink from this all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”



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And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Response:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.



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Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us

One with Christ,

One with each other,

One in ministry to all the world until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.



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Through you Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit
in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours,
Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Response: **Amen**



