

Notes from March 9th, 2021 *Lectio Divina* - Faith Sharing Zoom Gathering

Thank you for coming to discuss and reflect on the Word of God last night Tuesday March 9th, 2021. Below is an overview of what we did.

In summary we started by going over the homework, rereading Mark 1 and found various names that Jesus was called, such as *Son of Man*, *Son of God*, *My dear Son*, etc. We read and reflected on the Gospels of Sunday March 7th and this coming Sunday the 14th. The 7th was John 2:13-25 about Jesus Clearing the Temple Courts. Sunday the 14th's Gospel will be John 3:14-21, Jesus and Nicodemus with theme of Light and Darkness.

We learned the following about the book of Mark:

“Traditionally, the gospel is said to have been written shortly before A.D. 70 in Rome, at a time of impending persecution and when destruction loomed over Jerusalem. Its audience seems to have been Gentiles, unfamiliar with Jewish customs (Mark 7:3–4, 11). The book aimed to equip such Christians to stand faithful in the face of persecution (Markk 13:9–13), while going on with the proclamation of the gospel begun in Galilee (Mark13:10; 14:9). Modern research often proposes as the author an unknown Hellenistic Jewish Christian, possibly in Syria, and perhaps shortly after the year 70.”

The outline of the Gospel according to Mark is the following:

- I. The Preparation for the Public Ministry of Jesus (1:1–13)
- II. The Mystery of Jesus (1:14–8:26)
- III. The Mystery Begins to Be Revealed (8:27–9:32)
- IV. The Full Revelation of the Mystery (9:33–16:8)

The Longer Ending (16:9–20)” Taken from the internet, New Jerusalem Bible and Notes from the late Father Dan Harrington’s class.

Readings for Sunday March 14, 2021:

1st Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

2nd Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

Verse before the Gospel: John 3:16

Gospel: John 3:14-21

Homework:

Continue on looking for names Jesus was called in Mark Chapter 2. Write down something unfamiliar in the passage and some thing or things you did not know before. Read the readings for Sunday March 14, 2021 by Saturday the 13th.

Will email you the French version. I have attached the reading for Sunday’s Gospel.

Next Meeting in two weeks, Tuesday March 23rd. Thanks again for joining us.