

Scripture Readings

January 29, 2012

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

A New Prophet like Moses

“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’”

This is the Word of the Lord

1 Corinthians 8:1-6

“Knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up.

Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”— yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

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Mark 1:21-28

Jesus Heals a Man with an Unclean Spirit

And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Sermon Outline ~ January 29, 2012
Jesus: Savior of ALL. "I Know Who You Are!"
Mark 1:21-28

Introduction: "The law of unintended consequences."

Jesus' identity and power are revealed -- and His love.

1. Jesus' home base is the Church.

*"And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching."
v.21*

- Want to find Jesus? We know where He is.

2. Even the Church wrestles with demons.

"And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit." v.23

- But it's the best place to deal with them.

3. Jesus' identity revealed.

And he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are— the Holy One of God." v.23-34

- Learn what you can from who you can.

4. Jesus commands demons but invites sinners.

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v.25-27*

- The Answer is always Jesus.