

FIRST READING

Wisdom 7:7–11

A reading from the book of Wisdom

I prayed for understanding,
and it was given to me.
I asked God for Wisdom,
and it came to me.

I valued Wisdom more than power and kingdoms.
Riches were nothing compared with Wisdom.
I considered her more valuable than priceless jewels.
Gold was nothing but sand,
and silver was merely mud,
when compared with Wisdom.

I loved her more than good health and beauty.
I preferred Wisdom to light,
because she is much brighter.
Wisdom has countless treasures,
and everything good is mine because of her.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 90:12 and 14,
16–17abc*

All: *Fill us with your love, O Lord,
and we will sing for joy!*

*Teach us to use wisely
all the time we have.
When morning comes,
let your love satisfy
all our needs.
Then we can celebrate
and be glad for what time
we have left.*

All: *Fill us with your love, O Lord,
and we will sing for joy!*

*Do wonderful things for us,
your servants,
and show your mighty power
to our children.
Our Lord and our God,
treat us with kindness
and let all go well for us.*

All: *Fill us with your love, O Lord,
and we will sing for joy!*

SECOND READING

Hebrews 4:12–13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Brothers and sisters:

What God has said is not only alive and active!

It is sharper than any double-edged sword.

His word can cut through our spirits and souls

and through our joints and marrow,

until it discovers the desires and thoughts of our hearts.

Nothing is hidden from God!

He sees through everything,

and we will have to tell him the truth.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL
Mark 10:17–27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

As Jesus was walking down a road,
a man ran up to him.
He kneeled down, and asked,
“Good teacher, what can I do to have eternal life?”

Jesus replied, “Why do you call me good?
Only God is good.
You know the commandments.
‘Do not murder.
Be faithful in marriage.
Do not steal.
Do not tell lies about others.
Do not cheat.
Respect your father and mother.’”

The man answered,
“Teacher, I have obeyed all these commandments
since I was a young man.”

Jesus looked closely at the man.
He liked him and said,
“There’s one thing you still need to do.
Go sell everything you own.
Give the money to the poor,
and you will have riches in heaven.
Then come with me.”

When the man heard Jesus say this,
he went away gloomy and sad because he was very rich.

GOSPEL
Mark 10:17–27

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Jesus looked around and said to his disciples,
“It’s hard for rich people to get into God’s kingdom!”
The disciples were shocked to hear this.
So Jesus told them again,
“It’s terribly hard to get into God’s kingdom!
In fact, it’s easier for a camel
to go through the eye of a needle
than for a rich person to get into God’s kingdom.”

Jesus’ disciples were even more amazed.
They asked each other,
“How can anyone ever be saved?”

Jesus looked at them and said,
“There are some things that people cannot do,
but God can do anything.”

The Gospel of the Lord.