

Reflection -Trinity 21 Mark 10:35-45

Three words spring to mind in this passage
COMMITMENT, AUTHORITY, REACTION.

Jesus is committed in fulfilling what would be a journey that would end with His execution. Yet, He still had this awesome authority that must have been almost frightening to those around Him. His commitment demanded THEIR commitment, or His Mission to be completed.

Even so, two Disciples make a strange request for places of honour.

Jesus' commitment certainly demanded a reaction. The question remains so relevant now today, what will our reaction be, as we move on, in our journey, our journey of faith? Because we are not like James and John are we? Commitment, Authority, Reaction.

Fr Terry



NEXT SUNDAY 27.10.2024 Bible Sunday
10.30am in the Church

READINGS: NT Isaiah 55: 1-11
OT 2 Timothy 3: 14-4: 5
GOSPEL John 5: 36b-47



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St Thomas, Exeter

20th October 2024

Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

10.30am in Church

Today

10.30am Sung Eucharist

Hymn Numbers.

81 Christ triumphant, ever reigning

270 Jesus is Lord

226 I cannot tell how he whom angels
worship

Extraordinary APCM

Wednesday 23rd October

10am Holy Communion (BCP)

2pm Young at Hearts

Thursday 24th October

9.30-11am St Thomas Tots

10.30-12noon Knit & Natter. 19 Maple Rd
Details from Jenny. 01392 498725

Friday 12th October

9.30am Morning Prayer

10am Staff Meeting

Saturday 26th October

11am-12noon Prayer Walk. Meet outside
the Hall.

12.30pm Ladies Lunch at the Royal Oak



Collect

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Isaiah 53: 4-12

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Hebrews 5: 1-10

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer

sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who him obey, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Mark 10: 35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.' When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

Post Communion

Father of light, in whom is no change or shadow of turning, you give us every good and perfect gift and have brought us to birth by your word of truth:

may we be a living sign of that kingdom where your whole creation will be made perfect in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

NOTICES

TALKWORKS can help! If you are feeling stressed, anxious, are experiencing ongoing low mood, or are having difficulty sleeping,

NHS TALKWORKS is a free, confidential, talking therapies service helping you to feel better and giving you the tools and techniques to improve your mental well-being.

0300 555 3344 Give us a call and see how we can support you. www.talkworks.dpt.nhs.uk

The House Group meets fortnightly in someone's house to speak about our faith. Please speak to Ian, Helen or Mic if you would like to come and find out more.

Northcott Theatre Friday 18th October to Wednesday 23rd October (local discount on Friday) *The Commotion*. More on the Prayer Book Rebellion of 1549 following our talk by Prof Mark Stoyle. Box office phone no 01392 726363

There will be an **Extraordinary Annual Parochial Church meeting** this Sunday to confirm the number on the Electoral Roll for 2023 and the presentation of the Annual Accounts.

All Souls Cultural Festival Sunday 27th October In the Church and the Hall from 12.15pm. Tea and coffee will be served in the North Transept.

The clocks go back on Sunday 27th October at 2am.

The Enthronement of Bishop Mike takes place on **Saturday 2nd November** at 3pm in the Cathedral. Please pray for Bishop Mike, his family and his ministry.