



Father Joseph's Outline for the 15th Sunday of Luke

Luke 19:1-10 - Sunday 01/25/2009

**“Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham.
For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost.” (Luke 19:9-10)**

Libration from sins was the reason for the coming of the Christ.

- “She (the Virgin Mary) will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” (Matthew 1:21)
- Jesus’ ministry focused on healing people’s sins.
 - Some men brought to him a paralytic, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven." (Matthew 9:2)
- Jesus’ main energy was focused on being around sinful people.
 - While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew’s house, “many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, ‘Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?’” (Matthew 9:10-11)
- Jesus called sinful people to seek liberation from sins with Him.
 - “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” (Matthew 11:28-29)
- Jesus declared that even one sinner is invaluable for Him.
 - “There will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.” (Luke 15:7)
- Jesus has full authority to forgive sins.
 - “‘But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins,’ He said to the paralytic, ‘I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.’” (Mark 2:10-11)
- Jesus shed His blood for the liberation of humanity from sins.
 - “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.” (Matthew 26:28)

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- Jesus' authority to forgive sins re-opened paradise for us.
 - "But the other criminal...said, 'Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.' Jesus answered him, 'I tell you the truth, today you will be with Me in paradise.'" (Luke 23:40-43)

Jesus commissioned the Church to continue reaching out to sinners.

- "He told them, 'This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.'" (Luke 24:46-48)
- "And with that He breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.'" (John 20:22-23)

How does the Church carry out the mission of forgiveness to sinners?

- Exercising forgiveness
 - "And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins." (Mark 11:25)
- Praying for sinners
 - "I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:44-45)
- Healing the wounds of sins through preaching the gospel
 - "And He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.'" (Mark 16:15-16)
- Offering the sacraments for the forgiveness of sins
 - Baptism: "In him you were also circumcised...by Christ, having been buried with him in baptism and raised with him through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead." (Colossians 2:11-12)
 - Holy Communion: "For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: the Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, 'This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me.' In the same way, after supper He took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me.' For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes." (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)
 - Confession: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

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- Holy Unction: “Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise. Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.” (James 5:13-16)

Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the One who has the authority to heal my soul and forgive my sins. Heal my soul that is wounded by my sins and grant me the knowledge of Your salvation by forgiving me in the same way that You forgave the harlot, the apostle Peter, and all those who seek Your mercy and compassion and that of Your eternal and loving Father, together with Your all-holy, good and life-giving Spirit. Amen.

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