

## Annunciation Parish - Scripture Study 6/28/22

—Greeting and Opening Prayer

Any thoughts or questions from scripture passages you have read?

- Other faith questions?

### READINGS:

Is 66:10-14c

Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (Let all the earth cry out to God with joy)

Gal 6:14-18

Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

### GOSPEL:

- Jesus appoints 72 that he sends in pairs to where He is going.
  - Last time sent apostles and they were sometimes rejected
- He tells THEM to pray to the “Master of the Harvest” to send out laborers (who are few).
  - They will be like lambs among wolves.
  - How does this relate to present conditions and our own responsibilities as workers?
- They are not to: Carry money bag or spare stuff, greet no-one along the way (why?),
- After blessing those in the house they are to eat what is set before them.
  - The laborer deserves his payment, but what is it that he is cautioning them about?
- Cure the sick and proclaim the coming kingdom. If they don’t accept then shake the dust. What is the about? What is the warning about?
- “Yeah, demons are subject to us” - don’t get too happy about it ... why?
- What is the power given, how should it be used, and what is its goal? What about today?

### FIRST READING:

- Exalt with Jerusalem all who were mourning over her. What’s this about?
- “The milk of her comfort”, “abundant breasts” - notice the maternal and nursing imagery.
  - What is nursing for? Nourishment, life, some form of feeding that you can’t get elsewhere.  
Also a form of food that comes from the body of the mother herself.
- Notice God using the figure of a mother caring for infant children to convey the tenderness with which He will care for us.
  - *In Jerusalem* you shall find your comfort ... what does that mean for us today?
- We will rejoice to see it, we will flourish, the Lord’s power will be known.

### SECOND READING:

- The cross is the only cause for boast - and it is NOT something of our doing, noting of our own doing is a reason to boast.
- “The world has been crucified to me, and I to the world” What does this mean?
- Obeying rules alone (e.g. circumcision) is not the actual thing that brings benefit.
  - It is the disposition that moves one to be obedient, and the action of the heart that is at play.
- What “rule” is he talking about?
- What does he mean about bearing the marks of Jesus on his body?

—Closing Prayer