

Abridged Lenten scriptures: Jesus is tempted in the desert Mt 4:1-11



The Bible readings we hear in Lent help us to recognise Jesus as God's Son. Today we will hear how Jesus overcame temptation and chose to do the right thing by putting God first and following God's word.

Listen carefully to the reading and **imagine** you were there and saw what happened.

Jesus is tempted in the desert (Mt 4:1-11) is the Gospel for the first Sunday in Lent.

The Holy Spirit led Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and nights, after which he was very hungry. The devil came and said to Jesus, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into bread.' Jesus replied, 'It is written in scripture, "A person does not live only by eating bread. A person lives by following what the Lord says."'

Then the devil took Jesus to the holy city of Jerusalem and placed him on top of the Temple. The devil said, 'If you are the Son of God, jump off; for it is written in scripture: "God has put his angels in charge of you. They will catch you."' Jesus answered, 'Scripture also says: "Do not test the Lord your God."'

Next, the devil took Jesus to a very high mountain and showed him the kingdoms of the world and the wonderful things they offered. The devil then said to Jesus, 'I will give you all these, if you bow down and worship me.'

Jesus replied, 'Go away Satan! For it is written in scripture: "The Lord your God is the only one you must worship and serve."' Then the devil left and suddenly angels appeared and looked after Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord. **R/ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Question: Forty days in the desert without eating or drinking is a long time! Hands up if you'd be hungry too. But in spite of his hunger, Jesus wasn't going to do what the Devil wanted him to. What do you think helped Jesus not to give into temptation and to make the right decision?

Answer: His faith, determination, wisdom. Jesus also believed that God his Father would help.

Question: Scripture is the name we give to God's written word. Jesus knew the scriptures well. As a boy he listened carefully as they were read out in the synagogue. He knew God's words so well that when the Devil dared him to jump off the temple, Jesus was able to use them to answer back. Can you remember which words from scripture Jesus replied with?

Answer: 'Do not test the Lord your God.'

Question: Can you remember the last things the Devil tempts Jesus with?

Answer: The kingdoms of the world and all their wonderful things.

Reflective questions

- Sometimes we can be tempted to want more things, even when we already have more than enough. Jesus reminds us that wanting things should never be more important than wanting to love and serve God and others. How can we love and serve God this Lent? *Possible responses: by helping others, through prayer.*
- In the desert Jesus made right decisions because he knew what God wanted him to do. How can we learn what God wants us to do? *Possible responses: by listening to scripture, through prayer, at church.*

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An interactive retelling: Jesus is tempted in the desert Mt 4:1-11



Narrator: The Holy Spirit led Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and nights, after which he was very hungry. The devil came and said to Jesus

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Narrator: Jesus replied

Jesus: It is written in scripture, 'A person does not live only by eating bread. A person lives by following what the Lord says.'

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Narrator: The Gospel of the Lord.

Everyone: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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Abridged Lenten scriptures: The Transfiguration Mt 17:1-9



The Bible readings we hear in Lent help us to recognise Jesus as God's Son. Today we will hear how God helped Jesus's disciples to see this too. Pay attention to the words God speaks from heaven. They are meant for us today, just as they were for the disciples 2000 years ago.

Listen carefully to the reading and **imagine** you were there and saw what happened.

The Transfiguration (Mt 17:1-9) is the Gospel for the second Sunday in Lent.

Jesus led Peter and James and his brother John up a high mountain where they could be alone. There, Jesus's appearance changed and he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light. Suddenly, Moses and Elijah appeared; they were talking to Jesus.

While they were speaking a bright cloud covered them and a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son. I love Him. I am pleased with Him. Listen to Him.'

When they heard this, the disciples fell down, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up to them, touched them and said, 'Stand up. Do not be afraid.'

When they looked up they saw no one but only Jesus. After this, Jesus led Peter, James and John back down the mountain, with the clear instruction to 'Tell no one what you have seen and heard until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **R/ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Question: In the reading we've just heard there's a special reason why Jesus took his disciples up a high mountain. In the Bible, mountains are places nearer the sky where people can pray, reflect, and be closer to whom?

Answer: God, our Father in Heaven.

Question: The disciples were very surprised to see Moses and Elijah as they both lived hundreds of years before they were born! Who were Moses and Elijah?

Answer: Moses and Elijah were both great Prophets. A prophet proclaims the word of God. God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses. God performed miracles through Elijah at a time when many people had turned away from him and Elijah helped to bring them back to God.

Question: If the disciples weren't shocked enough to see Moses and Elijah, they were when they heard God's voice speaking from heaven. Can you remember what God said and what the disciples were asked to do?

Answer: God said he loved His Son Jesus, was pleased with him, and that the disciples should listen to Jesus.

Reflective questions

- How can we listen to Jesus? *Possible responses: through prayer, by listening to and reading the Bible.*
- Where can we go to be quiet, pray and reflect? *Possible responses: your school prayer space, in church, in a special space at home, in a field, under a tree, on a beach.*

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An interactive retelling: The Transfiguration Mt 17:1-9



Narrator 1: Jesus led Peter and James and his brother John up a high mountain where they could be alone.

Narrator 2: When they finally reached the top Jesus was transfigured; his appearance changed into something magnificent! His face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light.

Narrator 1: The disciples were surprised!

Narrator 2: Suddenly, Moses and Elijah appeared. They were talking to Jesus. Then a bright cloud covered them with shadow and a voice from the cloud said,

God the Father: *(with authority)* 'This is my Son. I love Him. I am pleased with Him. Listen to Him.'

Narrator 1: When they heard this, the disciples fell down, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up to them, touched them and said,

Jesus: Stand up. Do not be afraid.

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Narrator 1: After this, Jesus led Peter, James and John back down the mountain, with the clear instruction,

Jesus: Tell no one what you have seen and heard until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.

Narrator 2: The Gospel of the Lord.

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Abridged Lenten scriptures: Jesus and the woman at the well Jn 4:5-42



The Bible readings we hear in Lent help us to recognise Jesus as God's Son. Today we will hear how Jesus offered a precious gift to a woman who many people would have looked down on or ignored.

Listen carefully to the reading and **imagine** you were there and saw what happened.

Jesus and the woman at the well (Jn 4:5-42) is the Gospel for the third Sunday in Lent.

Jesus and his disciples were making a long journey in the hot sun when they passed through a Samaritan town. Jesus sat down by Jacob's well to rest while his disciples went into town to buy food. It was about twelve o'clock in the afternoon.

A Samaritan woman came to the well to collect water. Jesus said to her, 'Please give me something to drink.' She replied, 'I'm surprised you are asking me for a drink. You are a Jew. I am a Samaritan. Jews and Samaritans never speak to one another.'

Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks from this well will get thirsty again. But whoever drinks the living water that I give will never be thirsty again: it will give them eternal life.'

The woman said, 'I see you are a prophet, sir. I know the Messiah is coming and he will explain everything,' said the woman. 'I am He,' Jesus answered.

The Samaritan woman hurried back into the town and told the people there, 'Come and see a man I met! Maybe He is the Christ!' And many people went to see Jesus.

When the Samaritans met Jesus, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and many more came to believe on the strength of the words he spoke to them; and they said to the woman, 'Now we believe no longer because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he is indeed the Saviour of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **R/ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Question: It would have been unusual for Jews like Jesus to speak with a Samaritan. But Jesus does speak to her and offers something very precious. What does this tell us about Jesus? How can we describe him?

Answer: Kind/compassionate, respectful, generous.

Question: Jesus offers the woman living water. This isn't water from a well. It's something Jesus himself gives. What does he say this living water provides?

Answer: Eternal life.

Question: After meeting Jesus the woman ran to the town she lived in. When she got there, what did she do?

Answer: She told the people there all about Jesus and encouraged them to meet him too.

Reflective questions

- Do we tell our friends and family about Jesus? How could we help them to know Jesus better?
Possible responses: we could read Bible stories to younger siblings and pray together as a family.
- What lessons can we learn from Jesus about how to be with people who are different from us? *Possible responses: Be respectful, friendly, kind, generous.*

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Woman: I'm surprised you are asking me for a drink. You are a Jew. I am a Samaritan. Jews and Samaritans never speak to one another.

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Woman: I see you are a prophet, sir. I know the Messiah is coming and he will explain everything.

Jesus: I am He.

Narrator 2: The Samaritan woman hurried back into the town and told the people there.

Woman: (*excitedly*) Come and see a man I met! Maybe He is the Christ!

Narrator 1: And many people went to see Jesus. When the Samaritans met Jesus, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and many more came to believe on the strength of the words he spoke to them; and they said to the woman

Crowd: Now we believe no longer because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he is indeed the Saviour of the world.

Narrator 2: The Gospel of the Lord.

Everyone: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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Abridged Lenten scriptures:

Jesus and the Blind Man John 9:1-41



The readings we hear in Lent show us how Jesus always looked at people with eyes of love. Sadly, we sometimes struggle to see how special **everyone** is, or the things they are good at, or how kind they are, or the help they might need. Today we will hear a story about how Jesus opened the eyes of a blind man, and by doing so helped us all to see more clearly. **Listen** carefully and **imagine** you were there and saw what happened.

Jesus and the Blind Man (Jn 9:1-41) is the Gospel for the fourth Sunday in Lent.

‘As they went along, Jesus and his disciples saw a blind man, begging. Jesus spat on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes. Jesus said to him, “Go and wash in the pool.” The man went and washed, and came home, seeing. His neighbours, who only knew him as a beggar, weren’t sure if he was the same man.

The man who had been blind said, “It is me! Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go and wash. So I did and now I can see.”

The crowd brought the man to the Pharisees. The Pharisees were important religious leaders. The day on which Jesus had opened the man’s eyes was a holy day when no one was allowed to work. So the Pharisees questioned the man. They said, “Jesus cannot be from God, because he works on the holy days.”

But the man replied, “Jesus has been sent by God. If Jesus were not from God, he could not have opened my eyes.” The Pharisees were angry and they threw the man out. When Jesus heard what had happened he went and found the man and said to him,

“Do you believe I am the Son of God?” The man replied, “Yes, Lord, I believe.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **R/ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Question: The start of the story may seem strange, but **how** Jesus opened the man’s eyes shouldn't distract us from **why** he wanted to help. What virtues (good qualities) can we find in the way Jesus behaves?

Answer: Loving and kind/compassionate.

Question: What parts of the story help us to recognise Jesus’s kindness and love?

Answer: Whilst others saw only a beggar and looked down on the man, Jesus saw him as deserving of love and kindness. Jesus wanted to help so he stopped and gave the man the gift of sight. Later, Jesus seeks the man out after he has heard that he had been treated badly. By the end of the story, not only has Jesus given the man the gift of sight, he also has given him the gift of friendship and faith.

Question: If we look closely, we can see that the blind man in the story displayed great courage. Find examples of when he was courageous.

Answer: He told his neighbours what Jesus had done for him even though they doubted he was telling the truth. He stood up to the Pharisees and argued that Jesus had been sent by God, even though they disagreed.

Question: How can we tell that the man was grateful to Jesus for transforming his life?

Answer: The man was able to speak up for Jesus – to his neighbours and the Pharisees. His faith in Jesus meant he was courageous and grateful.

Reflective questions

- Can you think of a time when you have shown courage?
- Do you think your faith in Jesus can help you when you are scared, sad or lonely?
- How will you show gratitude? As well as saying thank you, what other ways are there to thank people?



An interactive retelling: Jesus and the Blind Man John 9:1-41



Narrator: As they went along, Jesus and his disciples saw a blind man, begging. Jesus spat on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. Jesus said to him,

Jesus: Go, wash in the pool.

Narrator: The man went and washed, and came home seeing. His neighbours who knew him as a beggar asked,

Neighbour 1: Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?

Neighbour 2: (*uncertainly*) Hmm, maybe he only looks like him.

Narrator: But the man answered,

Man: I am the man.

Neighbour 1: How is it that you can see?

Man: The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go and wash. So I did and now I can see.

Neighbours: Where is this man?

Man: I don't know.

Narrator: They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. They were the religious leaders. The day on which Jesus had opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath when no one was allowed to work. So the Pharisees were cross. They questioned him and he said,

Man: Jesus put mud on my eyes, I washed, and now I see.

Pharisee 1: (*angrily*) This Jesus cannot be from God, for he works on the Sabbath.

Pharisee 2: (*doubtful*) But if he is not from God, how could he do something like this?

Narrator: So they asked the man,

Pharisees together: What do you say about Jesus?



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An interactive retelling: Jesus and the Blind Man John 9:1-41



Narrator: The man replied,

Man: Jesus is a prophet, sent by God.

Narrator: The Pharisees were angry. They hurled insults at him and said,

Pharisees together: We don't even know where Jesus comes from!

Man: (*calmly*) Now that is remarkable! You don't know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. If Jesus were not from God, he could do nothing."

Narrator: The Pharisees shouted and they threw the man out. Jesus heard what had happened. He went and found the man and said to him,

Jesus: Do you believe that I am the Son of God?

Narrator: The man said,

Man: Yes, Lord, I believe.

Narrator: And the man worshipped Jesus.

Narrator: The Gospel of the Lord.

Everyone: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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Abridged Lenten scriptures: Jesus raises Lazarus John 11:1-45



The readings we hear in Lent help us to recognise Jesus as God's Son. Today we hear how Jesus gives us hope and new life, in times of difficulty and sadness. Listen carefully and imagine you were there and saw what happened.

Jesus raises Lazarus (Jn 11:1-45) is the Gospel for the fifth Sunday in Lent.

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in a village called Bethany with his sisters, Mary and Martha. Martha and Mary sent Jesus a message. It said, 'Lord, your dear friend Lazarus is very sick.' When Jesus received the message he said, 'Lazarus's illness will not end in death but in God's glory.'

So although Jesus loved Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, he stayed where he was for the next two days. Finally, he said to his disciples, 'Let's go back to Bethany.'

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him saying, 'Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask.' Jesus replied, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. Do you believe this, Martha?' Martha answered: 'Yes, Lord, I believe you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who has come into the world.'

When Mary arrived and saw Jesus, she fell at his feet and cried. At the sight of her tears, and those who had come with her, Jesus was very upset. With a deep sigh, he said, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the people said, 'See how much he loved Lazarus!'

They led Jesus to the cave where they had put Lazarus' body. He said, 'Roll the stone aside.' Martha replied, 'Lord, he has been dead for four days. His body will smell.' Jesus answered, 'Didn't I tell you that you would see God's glory if you believe?' So they rolled aside the stone at the entrance to the cave.

Then Jesus shouted, 'Lazarus, come out!' And Lazarus came out, his head, hands and feet bound in graveclothes. Jesus said: 'Unbind him and let him go free!' Many of those who had come to visit the sisters and had seen what happened believed in Jesus, but there were others who went to the Pharisees to tell them what Jesus had done.

The Gospel of the Lord. **R/ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Question: At the start of the story Martha and Mary are worried about their sick brother, Lazarus, they ask a good friend to help. Can you remember who that friend is?

Answer: Jesus.

Question: But Jesus arrived at their home later than Martha and Mary had expected. By the time he arrived, Lazarus had died. Although Jesus was late, and the sisters were upset, they knew Jesus loved them and their brother. What did Jesus do that revealed his love for them all?

Answer: Jesus wept and then he brought Lazarus back to life.

Reflective questions

- Jesus often visited his friends, Lazarus, Martha and Mary. They would have chatted, laughed and listened to each other, just as we do with our friends. When Lazarus became sick, his sisters wanted Jesus to be there. Jesus is our friend too and wants to be there for us. How can we stay close to our friend Jesus? *Possible responses: through prayer, by listening to and reading the Bible*
- It is very sad when someone dies. What Jesus did for Lazarus was very special - he brought Lazarus back to his old life. But what he offers all of us is special, too - Eternal Life with God our Father in heaven. Think for a moment in silence about anyone we know who has died and remember that they are in God's love.

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Narrator 1: There was a man named Lazarus who lived in a village called Bethany with his sisters, Mary and Martha. The sisters sent Jesus a message. They said

Martha and Mary: Lord, your dear friend Lazarus is very sick.

Narrator 2: When Jesus received the message he said to his disciples

Jesus: Lazarus's illness will not end in death but in God's glory.

Narrator 1: So, although Jesus loved Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, he stayed where he was for the next two days. Finally, he said to his disciples

Jesus: Let's go back to Bethany. Our friend Lazarus is resting but now I will go and wake him up.

Narrator 2: The disciples thought Jesus meant Lazarus was simply asleep, but he meant Lazarus had died.

Narrator 1: When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, saying

Martha: Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask.

Narrator 2: Jesus answered

Jesus: Your brother will rise again.

Martha: Yes, he will rise when everyone else rises, at the last day.

Jesus: I am the resurrection and the life (*pause*). Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never die (*pause*). Do you believe this, Martha?

Martha: Yes, Lord, I believe you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who has come into the world from God.



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Jesus: Where have you put him?

Mary with crowd: Lord, come and see.

Narrator 2: Jesus wept and the people said

Crowd: See how much he loved Lazarus!

Narrator 1: They led Jesus to the cave where they had put Lazarus' body. Jesus said

Jesus: Roll the stone aside.

Martha: Lord, he has been dead for four days. His body will smell.

Jesus: Didn't I tell you that you would see God's glory if you believe?

Narrator 2: So they rolled aside the stone at the entrance to the cave. Then Jesus shouted,

Jesus: Lazarus, come out!

Narrator 1: And Lazarus came out of the cave, his head, hands and feet bound in grave-cloths. Jesus said

Jesus: Unbind him and let him go free!

Narrator 2: Many of those who had seen what happened, believed in Jesus, but there were others who went to the Pharisees to tell them what Jesus had done.

Narrator 1: The Gospel of the Lord.

Everyone: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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Abridged Lenten scriptures: The triumphal entry into Jerusalem Mt 21:1-11



The readings we hear in Lent help us to recognise Jesus as God's Son. Today we hear how crowds lining the road to Jerusalem, cheered Jesus as he rode by. They cried out 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.' The people were very excited and hoped that Jesus he would be their new leader. **Listen** carefully and **imagine** you were there and saw what happened.

The triumphal entry into Jerusalem (Mt 21:1-11) is the introductory Gospel on Palm Sunday.

When Jesus and his disciples were near Jerusalem, they stopped at a hill called the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two disciples ahead, saying 'Go to the village opposite and you will find a donkey tied with its foal. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone asks you why you are taking the donkeys, say, "The Master needs them. He will return them soon."'

This was to fulfil what the prophet Zachariah had said: 'Tell the people of Jerusalem, "Your king is coming to you. He is humble and riding on a donkey."'

The disciples did what Jesus had told them to do. When they brought the animals to Jesus, they laid their coats on the donkeys, and Jesus sat on them. Crowds of people spread their coats on the road before Jesus. Others cut branches from the trees and laid them in his path. Many people were walking ahead while others followed behind him. They were all shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! God bless the One who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna to God in heaven!'

When Jesus reached Jerusalem, the city was in turmoil. People were asking, 'Who is this man?' The crowd answered, 'This man is Jesus. He is the prophet from the town of Nazareth in Galilee.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **R/ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Question: Some of the people who cheered and waved palms, hoped Jesus was entering Jerusalem to challenge the unfair rulers who controlled the city. So they must have been quite surprised that Jesus didn't ride on a powerful stallion, like a warrior would, but that he rode into Jerusalem on a young donkey. Why do you think Jesus did this?

Answer: Jesus was bringing about a vision the prophet Zachariah had delivered centuries earlier, that God would send a saviour into Jerusalem, riding on a donkey. The donkey also helped people understand that Jesus was not a powerful warrior, but a humble servant.

Question: When Jesus entered Jerusalem, it was very busy. Many people had travelled there from miles around to celebrate Passover, a special Jewish festival. But even though there were so many people, Jesus stood out. Can you remember the question many asked about him?

Answer: 'Who is this man?'

Reflective questions

- If someone asked you who Jesus was, what would you say? *Possible responses are: The Son of God, our friend and guide.*
- Jesus shows us that leaders don't have to be forceful and scary. What does Jesus teach us about how leaders should be? *Possible responses: humble, caring, respectful.*
- Jesus gave people hope, that things could be fairer and better. How can we give hope to others? *Possible responses: pray for them, share what we have, give them a smile*

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Narrator: This was to fulfil what the prophet Zachariah had said

Prophet Zachariah: Tell the people of Jerusalem, 'Your king is coming to you. He is humble and riding on a donkey.'

Narrator: The disciples did what Jesus had told them to do. When they brought the animals to Jesus they laid their coats on the donkeys, and Jesus sat on them. The people were excited.

Jesus' followers: (*excitedly*) Jesus is coming! Our King is coming to Jerusalem!

Narrator: The people spread their coats on the road before Jesus. Others cut branches from the trees and laid them in his path. Many people were walking ahead while others followed behind him. They were all shouting

Jesus' followers: (*shouting*) Hosanna to the Son of David! God bless the One who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna to God in heaven!

Narrator: When Jesus reached Jerusalem, the city was in turmoil. The people there were asking

Crowd: Who is this man?

Narrator: The crowd replied

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Narrator: The Gospel of the Lord.

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