

Bible and Beer

February 2 for Sunday February 7, 2021
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Job spoke to his friends, “Does not the human being have a hard service on earth, and are not their days like the days of a labourer?”

² Like a slave who longs for the shadow, and like labourers who look for their wages,

³ so I am allotted months of emptiness, and nights of misery are apportioned to me.

⁴ When I lie down I say, “When shall I rise?” But the night is long, and I am full of tossing until dawn.

⁶ My days are swifter than a weaver’s shuttle, and come to their end without hope.^[a]

⁷ Remember that my life is a breath; my eye will never again see good.

1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23

¹⁶ Brothers and sisters: If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷ For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸ What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

¹⁹ For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²² To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, so that I might by any means save some. ²³ I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Mark 1:29-39

²⁹ As soon as Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ Now Simon’s mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹ He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³² That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³ And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴ And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵ In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶ And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷ When they found him, they said to him, ‘Everyone is searching for you.’ ³⁸ He answered, ‘Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.’ ³⁹ And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Questions for Small Group Conversation

What new thought or insight struck you from this evening’s reflection?

As a group, identify the “ills” that are in the world today: those things about our world, culture and community that need to be touched by the proclamation of the “Good News”.

What Gospel message (*can be any parable, words, phrase, prophesy, or image*) can you name for addressing what might be heavy on your heart in these times? (*NOTE: You don’t need to share your personal or specific issue... just the “message” and why it is important for you right now*)