

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:7-13

⁷O LORD, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.
⁸For whenever I speak, I must cry out,
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"
For the word of the LORD has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
⁹If I say, "I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name,"
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.
¹⁰For I hear many whispering:
"Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.
"Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him,
and take our revenge on him."
¹¹But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.
They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.
¹²O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous,
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.
¹³Sing to the LORD;
praise the LORD!
For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

Psalms 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18**SECOND READING: Romans 6:1b-11**

^{1b}Should we continue in sin in order that grace may
abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin
go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who
have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized
into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with
him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was
raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we
too might walk in newness of life.
⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like
his, we will certainly be united with him in a
resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was
crucified with him so that the body of sin might be
destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to
sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we
have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live

with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the
dead, will never die again; death no longer has
dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to
sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to
God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to
sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:24-39

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ^{24a}A disciple is not above
the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is
enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the
slave like the master. If they have called the master
of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they
malign those of his household!
²⁶So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered
up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that
will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the
dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered,
proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who
kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him
who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not
two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them
will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And
even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do
not be afraid; you are of more value than many
sparrows.
³²Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before
others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in
heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I
also will deny before my Father in heaven.
³⁴Do not think that I have come to bring peace to
the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a
sword.
³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
³⁶and one's foes will be members of one's own
household.
³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not
worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter
more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever
does not take up the cross and follow me is not
worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it,
and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."