**ACNA Sunday and Red-Letter Day Lectionary**

**Year A – 2016-2017**

General Instructions

The public reading of Scripture in the liturgies of the Church is among the most important features of any act of worship. No one should be admitted to this high privilege who has not thoroughly prepared the passage to be read, so that the lesson can be read with clarity, authority and understanding.

This lectionary provides a three-year cycle of four readings for each Sunday of the Christian Year, as well as lessons for Principal Observances: Christmas Day, the Epiphany, the Presentation, Ash Wednesday, the weekdays of Holy Week and Easter Week, Ascension Day and All Saints Day. Year A begins with Advent Sunday in those years evenly divisible by 3. Also included in this lectionary is a single set of eucharistic readings for Prayer Book Customary Observances (“red-letter days.”)

The number of readings on any Sunday or Holy Day may be lessened according to pastoral circumstance, provided the gospel is always read at Eucharist. The *English Standard Version* of the Scriptures is the normative text; however, the Psalms should be read or sung in a version intended for that purpose. The Bishop of the Diocese is to be consulted where a regular pattern of fewer than four lessons is adopted as the Sunday customary of a congregation, or when a pattern of alternate readings (a “sermon series”) is proposed.  The rector of a congregation may direct that an appointed lesson be shortened or lengthened, provided the plain sense is retained.

Feasts of Dedication, special observances customary in the local setting, or days of national or provincial mourning or celebration may employ lessons other than those regularly appointed for that Sunday.

>>Principal Feasts and “Red-letter” Holy Days are in **Bold Type**. Weekdays are shaded.<<

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| **Date** | **Day** | **Year A** |
| **ADVENT** |
| Sunday, November 27th  | The First Sunday in Advent*Purple or Blue* | Is 2:1-5Ps 122Rom 13:8-14Mt 24:29-44 |
| Wednesday, November 30th  | **St. Andrew***Red* | Deut 30:11-14Ps 19 or 19:1-6Rom 10:8b-18Mt 4:18-22 |
| Sunday, December 4th  | The Second Sunday in Advent*Purple or Blue* | Is 11:1-10Ps 72:1-15 (16-19)Rom 15:1-13Mt 3:1-12 |
| Sunday, December 11th  | The Third Sunday in Advent*Purple or Blue* | Is 35:1-10Psalm 146James 5:7-12Mt 11:2-19 |
| Wednesday, December 14th | Ember Day *Purple or Blue* |  |
| Friday, December 16th  | Ember Day *Purple or Blue* |  |
| Saturday, December 17th | Ember Day *Purple or Blue* |  |
| Sunday, December 18th  | The Fourth Sunday in Advent*Purple or Blue* | Is 7:10-17Ps 24Rom 1:1-7Mt 1:18-25 |
| Wednesday, December 21st  | **St. Thomas** *Red* | Hab 2:1-4Ps 126Heb 10:35–11:1Jn 20:19-29 |
| **CHRISTMAS** |
| Saturday, December 24th /Sunday, December 25th *These provisions may be used at Christmas Eve or on Christmas Day* | Christmas Day I*White* | Is 9:1-7Ps 96Titus 2:11-14Lk 2:1-14 (15-20) |
| Christmas Day II*White* | Is 62:6-12Ps 97Titus 3:4-7Lk 2:(1-14) 15-20 |
| Christmas Day III*White* | Is 52:7-12Ps 98Heb 1:1-12Jn 1:1-18 |
| Monday, December 26th  | **St. Stephen** *Red* | Jer 26:1-9 (10-11) 12-15Ps 31:1-5 (6-24)Acts 6:8–7:2a, 51-60Mt 23:29-39 |
| Tuesday, December 27th  | **St. John, Apostle and Evangelist***White* | Ex 33:18-23Ps 92:1-4 (5-10) 11-141 Jn 1Jn 21:9-25 orJn 1:1-18 |
| Wednesday, December 28th  | **Holy Innocents** *Red* | Jer 31:15-17Ps 124Rev 21:1-7Mt 2:13-18 |
| Sunday, January 1st *To be celebrated on the Sunday or on the first available day thereafter* | **Holy Name** *White* | Ex 34:1-9Ps 8Rom 1:1-7Lk 2:15-21 |
| *Sunday, January 1st* *(At a second celebration)* | The First Sunday of Christmas*White* | Is 61:10–62:5Ps 147:13-21Gal 3:23–4:7Jn 1:1-18 |
| **EPIPHANY** |
| Friday, January 6th  | **The Epiphany** *White* | Is 60:1-9Ps 72 or 72:1-15Eph 3:1-13Mt 2:1-12 |

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| Sunday, January 8th  | The First Sunday of Epiphany [Baptism of our Lord]*Green or White* | Isa 42:1-9Ps 89:1-29 or 89:20-29Acts 10:34-38Mt 3:13-17 |
| Sunday, January 15th  | The Second Sunday of Epiphany*Green or White* | Isa 49:1-7Ps 40:1-101 Cor 1:1-9Jn 1:29-42 |
| Wednesday, January 18th  | **Confession of St. Peter** *White* | Acts 4:8-13Ps 231 Pet 5:1-11Mt 16:13-19 |
| Sunday, January 22nd  | The Third Sunday of Epiphany*Green or White* | Amos 3:1-11Ps 139:1-161 Cor 1:10-17Mt 4:12-22 |
| Wednesday, January 25th  | **Conversion of St. Paul** *White* | Acts 26:9-21Ps 67Gal 1:11-24Mt 10:16-25 |
| Sunday, January 29th  | The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany*Green or White* | Mic 6:1-8Ps 37:1-111 Cor 1:18-31Mt 5:1-12 |
| Thursday, February 2nd *May be celebrated on Sunday, February 5th*  | **The Presentation of Christ in the Temple** *White* | Mal 3:1-4Ps 84 Heb 2:14-18Lk 2:22-40 |
| Sunday, February 5th  | The Fifth Sunday of Epiphany *Green* | Hab. 3:(1) 2-15 (16-19)Ps 271 Cor 2:1-16Mt 5:13-20 |
| Sunday, February 12th  | The Sixth Sunday of Epiphany*Green* | Ecclesiasticus 15:11-20Ps 119:(1-8) 9-161 Cor 3:1-9Mt 5:21-37 |
| Sunday, February 19th  | The Second to Last Sunday after Epiphany [World Mission]*Green* | Is 49:1-7Ps 67Acts 1:1-8Matthew 9:35-38 |
| Friday, February 24th  | **St. Matthias** *Red* | Acts 1:15-26Ps 15Phil 3:12-21Jn 15:1-16 |
| Sunday, February 26th  | The Last Sunday after Epiphany [Transfiguration]*Green* | Ex 24:12-18Ps 99Phil 3:7-14Mt 17:1-9 |

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| **LENT** |
| Wednesday, March 1st  | **Ash Wednesday***Purple* | Joel 2:1-2, 12-17Ps 103 or 103:8-142 Cor 5:20–6:10Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 (19-21) |
| Sunday, March 5th  | The First Sunday in Lent*Purple* | Gen 2:4-9, 15-17, 25–3:7Ps 51 or Ps 51:1-13Rom 5:12-19 (21-22)Mt 4:1-11 |
| Wednesday, March 8th  | Ember Day *Purple* |  |
| Friday, March 10th  | Ember Day *Purple* |  |
| Saturday, March 11th  | Ember Day *Purple* |  |
| Sunday, March 12th  | The Second Sunday in Lent*Purple* | Gen 12:1-9Ps 33:12-22Rom 4:1-5 (6-12) 13-17Jn 3:1-16 |
| Sunday, March 19th  | The Third Sunday in Lent*Purple* | Ex 17:1-7Ps 95Rom 1:16-32Jn 4:5-26 (27-38) 39-42 |
| Monday, March 20th *Transferred from March 19* | **St. Joseph** *White* | 2 Sam 7:4, 8-16Ps 89:1-4 (5-18) 19-29Rom 4:13-18Lk 2:41-52 |
| Saturday, March 25th  | **The Annunciation** *White* | Isa 7:10-14Ps 40:1-11 or Canticle 3 or Canticle 15Heb 10:5-10Lk 1:26-38 |
| Sunday, March 26th  | The Fourth Sunday in Lent*Purple* | 1 Sam 16:1-13Ps 23Eph 5:1-14Jn 9:1-13, 28-38 (39-41) |
| Sunday, April 2nd  | The Fifth Sunday in Lent*Purple* | Ezek 37:1-14Ps 130Rom 6:15-23Jn 11:(1-17) 18-44 |
| **HOLY WEEK** |
| Sunday, April 9th  | Palm Sunday: Liturgy of the Palms | Mt 21:1-11Ps 118:19-29 |
| Palm Sunday*Red* | Isa 52:13–53:12Ps 22:1-21 or Ps 22:1-11 Phil 2:5-11Mt (26:36-75) 27:1-54 (55-66) |
| Monday, April 10th  | Monday in Holy Week*Red* | Isa 42:1-9Ps 36:5-10Heb 11:39–12:3Jn 12:1-11 or Mk 14:3-9 |
| Tuesday, April 11th  | Tuesday in Holy Week*Red* | Isa 49:1-6Ps 71:1-121 Cor 1:18-31Jn 12:37-38, 42-50 or Mk 11:15-19 |
| Wednesday, April 12th | Wednesday in Holy Week*Red* | Isa 50:4-9Ps 69:7-15, 22-23Heb 9:11-28Mt 26:1-5, 14-25 |
| Thursday, April 13th  | Maundy Thursday*AM-Red**PM-White* | Ex 12:1-14Ps 78:14-251 Cor 11:23-26 (27-34)Jn 13:1-15 or Lk 22:14-30 |
| Friday, April 14th | **Good Friday** *No hangings* | Gen 22:1-18Ps 22:1-11 (12-21)or Ps 40:1-14 or 69:1-23Heb 10:1-25Jn (18:1-40) 19:1-37 |
| Saturday, April 15th  | Holy Saturday*AM-No hangings**PM-White* | Job 14:1-17Ps 130 or 31:1-51 Pet 4:1-8Mt 27:57-66 or Jn 19:38-42 |
| **EASTER** |
| Saturday, April 15th  | The Great Vigil of Easter*White* | Genesis 1:1–2:2Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:8-18; 9:8-13Genesis 22:1-18Exodus 14:10–15:1Isaiah 4:2-6Isaiah 55:1-11Ezekiel 36:24-28Ezekiel 37:1-14Zephaniah 3:12-20Romans 6:3-11 Matthew 28:1-10 |
| Sunday, April 16th | **Easter Day**: Early Service*White* | *Use one of the Old Testament Lessons from the Vigil*Ps 114Rom 6:3-11Mt 28:1-10 |
| **Easter Day**: Principal Service*White* | Acts 10:34-43 or Ex 14:10-14, 21-31Ps 118:14-17, 22-24Col 3:1-4 orActs 10:34-43Jn 20:1-10 (11-18) or Mt 28:1-10 |
| **Easter Day**: Evening Service*White* | Dan 12:1-3Ps 136 1 Cor 5:6-8 Lk 24:13-35 |
| Monday, April 17th  | Monday of Easter Week*White* | Acts 2:14, 22-32Ps 16Mt 28:9-15 |
| Tuesday, April 18th  | Tuesday of Easter Week*White* | Acts 2:14, 36-41Ps 33:18-22Jn 20:11-18 |

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| Wednesday, April 19th | Wednesday of Easter Week*White* | Acts 3:1-10Ps 105:1-8Lk 24:13-35 |
| Thursday, April 20th  | Thursday of Easter Week*White* | Acts 3:11-26Ps 8Lk 24:36-49 |
| Friday, April 21st  | Friday of Easter Week*White* | 1 Pet 1:3-9Ps 116:1-8Jn 21:1-14 |
| Saturday, April 22nd  | Saturday of Easter Week*White* | Acts 4:1-22Ps 118:14-18Mk 16:9-20 |
| Sunday, April 23rd  | The Second Sunday of Easter*White* | Acts 2:14a, 22-32 or Gen 8:6-16, 9:8-16Ps. 111 1 Pet 1:3-9Jn 20:19-31 |
| Tuesday, April 25th  | **St. Mark** *Red* | Isa 52:7-10Ps 2 Eph 4:7-8, 11-16Mk 16:15-20 |
| Sunday, April 30th  | The Third Sunday of Easter*White* | Acts 2:14a, 36-47 or Isa 43:1-12Ps 116:10-171 Pet 1:13-25Lk 24:13-35 |
| Monday, May 1st  | **St. Philip & St. James** *Red* | Isa 30:18-21Ps 119:33-402 Cor 4:1-7Jn 14:6-14 |
| Sunday, May 7th  | The Fourth Sunday of Easter [Good Shepherd]*White* | Acts 6:1-9, 7:2a, 51-60 orNeh 9:(1-3) 6-15Ps 231 Pet 2:13-25Jn 10:1-10 |
| Sunday, May 14th  | The Fifth Sunday of Easter*White* | Acts 17:1-15 or Deut 6:20-25Ps 66:1-11 or 66:1-81 Pet 2:1-12Jn 14:1-14 |
| Sunday, May 21nd  | The Sixth Sunday of Easter [Rogation Sunday]*White* | Acts 17:22-34 or Isa 41:17-20Ps 148 or 148:7-141 Pet 3:8-18Jn 15:1-11 |
| Monday, May 22nd  | Rogation Day *White or Purple* |  |
| Tuesday, May 23rd  | Rogation Day *White or Purple* |  |
| Wednesday, May 24th  | Rogation Day *White or Purple* |  |
| Thursday, May 25th  | **Ascension Day***White* | Acts 1:1-11Ps 47 or 110:1-5Eph 1:15-23Lk 24:44-53 or Mk 16:9-20 |

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| Sunday, May 28th  | The Sunday after Ascension Day*White* | Acts 1:(1-5) 6-14 or Ezek 39:21-29Ps 68:1-20 or 471 Pet 4:12-19Jn 17:1-11 |
| Monday, May 29th  | Memorial Day (USA)*Red* | Wisdom 3:1-9Psalm 121Rev 7:9-17Jn 11:21-27 orJn 15:12-17 |
| Wednesday, May 31st  | **The Visitation** *White* | Zeph 3:14-18Ps 113 or Canticle 9Col 3:12-17Lk 1:39-56 |
| Sunday, June 4th  | **Pentecost** *Red* | Acts 2:1-11Ps 104:25-37 or 104:25-321 Cor 12:4-13Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:8-17 |
| **THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST** (*Sundays may also be named “after Trinity”)* |
| Wednesday, June 7th  | Ember Day *Green or Purple* |  |
| Friday, June 9th  | Ember Day *Green or Purple* |  |
| Saturday, June 10th  | Ember Day *Green or Purple* |  |
| Sunday, June 11th  | **Trinity Sunday***Green* | Gen 1:1-2:3Ps 1502 Cor 13:5-14Mt 28:16-20 |
| Monday, June 12th *Transferred from June 11* | **St. Barnabas** *Red* | Isa 42:5-12Ps 112Acts 11:19-30; 13:1-3Mt 10:7-16 |
| Sunday, June 18th  | Second Sunday after Pentecost /First Sunday after Trinity*Green* | Ex 19:1-8Ps 100Rom 5:1-11Mt 9:35–10:15 |
| Saturday, June 24th  | **Nativity of St. John the Baptist** *White* | Isa 40:1-11Ps 85:7-13Acts 13:14b-26Lk 1:57-80 |
| Sunday, June 25th  | Third Sunday after Pentecost /Second Sunday after Trinity*Green* | Jer 20:7-13Psalm 69:1-16 (17-19)Rom 5:15b-19Mt 10:16-33 |
| Thursday, June 29th  | **St. Peter & St. Paul** *Red* | Ezek 34:11-16Ps 872 Tim 4:1-8Jn 21:15-19 |

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| Saturday, July 1st  | Canada Day (Canada)*White* | Deut 6:1-15, Ps 1451 Peter 2:1-6Matt 22:16-21 or Matt 25:14-30 |
| Sunday, July 2nd  | Fourth Sunday after Pentecost /Third Sunday after Trinity*Green* | Isa 2:10-17Ps 89:1-18Rom 6:1-11Mt 10:34-42 |
| Tuesday, July 4th  | Independence Day (USA)*White* | Deut 10:17-21Ps 145Heb 11:8-16Mt 5:43-48 |
| Sunday, July 9th  | Fifth Sunday after Pentecost /Fourth Sunday after Trinity*Green* | Zech 9:9-12Ps 145:1-13 (14-21)Rom 7:21-8:6Mt 11:25-30 |
| Sunday, July 16th  | Sixth after Pentecost /Fifth Sunday after Trinity*Green* | Isa 55Ps 65Rom 8:7-17Mt 13:1-9, 18-23 |
| Saturday, July 22nd  | **St. Mary of Magdala** *White* | Judith 9:1, 11-14Ps 42:1-7 (8-15)2 Cor 5:14-20aJn 20:11-18 |
| Sunday, July 23rd | Seventh Sunday after Pentecost /Sixth Sunday after Trinity*Green* | Wis 12:13, 16-19Ps 86Rom 8:18-25Mt 13:24-30, 34-43 |
| Tuesday, July 25th  | **St. James the Apostle***Red* | Jer 45:1-5Ps 7:1-11 (12-18)Acts 11:27–12:3Mt 20:20-28 |
| Sunday, July 30th  | Eighth Sunday after Pentecost /Seventh Sunday after Trinity*Green* | 1 Kings 3:3-14Ps 119:121-136Rom 8:26-34Mt 13:31-33, 44-50 |
| Sunday, August 6th  | **The Transfiguration** *White* | Ex 34:29-35Ps 99 2 Pet 1:13-21Lk 9:28-36 |
| *Sunday, August 6th**(At a second celebration)*  | Ninth Sunday after Pentecost /Eighth Sunday after Trinity*Green* | Neh 9:16-21Ps 78:(1-12) 13-25Rom 8:35-39Mt 14:13-21 |
| Sunday, August 13th  | Tenth Sunday after Pentecost /Ninth Sunday after Trinity*Green* | Jon 2:1-10Ps 29Rom 9:1-5Mt 14:22-33 |

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| Tuesday, August 15th  | **St. Mary the Virgin** *White* | Isa 61:10-11Ps 34 Gal 4:4-7Lk 1:46-55 |
| Sunday, August 20th  | Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost /Tenth Sunday after Trinity*Green* | Isa 56:1-8Ps 67Rom 11:13-24Mt 15:21-28 |
| Thursday, August 24th  | **St. Bartholomew** *Red* | Deut 18:15-18Ps 91 1 Cor 4:9-16Lk 22:24-30 |
| Sunday, August 27th  | Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost /Eleventh Sunday after Trinity*Green* | Isa 51:1-6Ps 138Rom 11:25-36Mt 16:13-20 |
| Sunday, September 3rd  | Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost /Twelfth Sunday after Trinity*Green* | Jer 15:15-21Ps 26Rom 12:1-8Mt 16:21-27 |
| Sunday, September 10th  | Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost /Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity*Green* | Ezek 33:1-11Ps 119:33-48Rom 12:9-21Mt 18:15-20 |
| Thursday, September 14th  | **Holy Cross Day** *Red* | Isa 45:21-25Ps 98Phil 2:5-11Jn 12:31-36a |
| Sunday, September 17th  | Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost /Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity*Green* | Ecclesiasticus 27:30–28:7Ps 103 or 103:1-14Rom 14:5-12Mt 18:21-35 |
| Wednesday, September 20th | Ember Day *Green or Purple* |  |
| Thursday, September 21st  | **St. Matthew** *Red* | Prov 3:1-12Ps 119:33-402 Tim 3:1-17Mt 9:9-13 |
| Friday, September 22nd  | Ember Day *Green or Purple* |  |
| Saturday, September 23rd  | Ember Day *Green or Purple* |  |
| Sunday, September 24th  | Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost /Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity*Green* | Jonah 3:10–4:11Ps 145:(1-13) 14-21Phil 1:21-27Mt 20:1-16 |
| Friday, September 29th  | **Holy Michael & All Angels** *White* | Gen 28:10-17Ps 103Rev 12:7-12Jn 1:47-51 |
| Sunday, October 1st  | Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost /Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity*Green* | Ezek 18:1-4, 25-32Ps 25:1-14 (15-21)Phil 2:1-13Mt 21:28-32 |

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| Sunday, October 8th  | Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost /Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity*Green* | Isa 5:1-7Ps 80:(1-6) 7-19Phil 3:14-21Mt 21:33-44 |
| Monday, October 9th  | Thanksgiving Day (Canada)*White* | Deut 8Ps 65:1-8 (9-14)James 1:17-27Mt 6:25-33 |
| Sunday, October 15th  | Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost /Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity*Green* | Isa 25:1-9Ps 23Phil 4:4-13Mt 22:1-14 |
| Wednesday, October 18th  | **St. Luke** Red | Ecclesiasticus 38:1-14Ps 147:1-122 Tim 4:1-13Lk 4:14-21 |
| Sunday, October 22nd  | Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost /Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity*Green* | Isa 45:1-7Ps 961 Thess 1:1-10Mt 22:15-22 |
| Monday, October 23rd  | **St. James of Jerusalem** *Red* | Acts 15:12-22aPs 11 Cor 15:1-11Mt 13:54-58 |
| Saturday, October 28th  | **St. Simon & St. Jude** *Red* | Deut 32:1-4Ps 119:89-96Eph 2:13-22Jn 15:17-27 |
| Sunday, October 29th  | Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost /Twentieth Sunday after Trinity /**All Saints Sunday** (Canada)*(If not celebrated on November 1st or 5th)**Green or White* | Ex 22:21-27Ps 11 Thess 2:1-8Mt 22:34-46 | *See Nov. 1 for All Saints readings* |
| Wednesday, November 1st *May be celebrated on Sunday, October 29th or November 5th*  | **All Saints' Day** *White* | Ecclesiasticus 44:1-14 orRev 7:9-17Ps 149Rev 7:9-17 or Eph 1:(11-14) 15-23Mt 5:1-12 or Lk 6:20-26 (27-36) |
| Sunday, November 5th  | 22nd Sunday after Pentecost /Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity / Remembrance Sunday (Canada) /**All Saints Sunday** (USA)*Green or White* | Mic 3:5-12Ps 431 Thess 2:9-20Mt 23:1-12 | *See Nov. 1 for All Saints readings* |
| Saturday, November 11th  | Remembrance Day (Canada)*Red* | Wisdom 3:1-9Psalm 121Rev 7:9-17Jn 11:21-27 or Jn 15:12-17 |
| Sunday, November 12th  | 23rd Sunday after Pentecost /Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity*Green* | Amos 5:18-24Ps 701 Thess 4:13-18Mt 25:1-13 |
| Sunday, November 19th  | 24th Sunday after Pentecost /Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity*Green* | Zeph 1:7, 12-18Ps 90:1-12 (13-17)1 Thess 5:1-10Mt 25:14-30 |
| Thursday, November 23rd  | Thanksgiving Day (USA)*White* | Deut 8Ps 65:1-8 (9-14)James 1:17-27Mt 6:25-33 |
| Sunday, November 26th  | Christ the King Sunday(Last Sunday after Pentecost / Last Sunday after Trinity)*White* | Ezek 34:11-20Ps 951 Cor 15:20-28Mt 25:31-46 |
| Wednesday, November 30th  | **St. Andrew***Red* | Deut 30:11-14Ps 19 or 19:1-6Rom 10:8b-18Mt 4:18-22 |