

READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

Micah 6: 6-8

- ⁶ What can we bring to the LORD?
Should we bring him burnt offerings?
Should we bow before God Most High
with offerings of yearling calves?
- ⁷ Should we offer him thousands of rams
and ten thousand rivers of olive oil?
Should we sacrifice our firstborn children
to pay for our sins?
- ⁸ No, O people, the LORD has told you what is good,
and this is what he requires of you:
to do what is right, to love mercy,
and to walk humbly with your God.

Psalm 146: 5-10

- ⁵ But joyful are those who have the God of Israel^[a] as their helper,
whose hope is in the LORD their God.
- ⁶ He made heaven and earth,
the sea, and everything in them.
He keeps every promise forever.
- ⁷ He gives justice to the oppressed
and food to the hungry.
The LORD frees the prisoners.
- ⁸ The LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
The LORD lifts up those who are weighed down.
The LORD loves the godly.
- ⁹ The LORD protects the foreigners among us.
He cares for the orphans and widows,
but he frustrates the plans of the wicked.
- ¹⁰ The LORD will reign forever.
He will be your God, O Jerusalem, throughout the generations.

Praise the LORD!

Luke 4: 14-21

Jesus Rejected at Nazareth

¹⁴ Then Jesus returned to Galilee, filled with the Holy Spirit's power. Reports about him spread quickly through the whole region. ¹⁵ He taught regularly in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶ When he came to the village of Nazareth, his boyhood home, he went as usual to the synagogue on the Sabbath and stood up to read the Scriptures. ¹⁷ The scroll of Isaiah the prophet was handed to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where this was written:

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the LORD is upon me,
for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released,
that the blind will see,
that the oppressed will be set free,
¹⁹ and that the time of the LORD's favor has come."¹⁹

²⁰ He rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the attendant, and sat down. All eyes in the synagogue looked at him intently. ²¹ Then he began to speak to them. "The Scripture you've just heard has been fulfilled this very day!"