

Baruch:1 15-22

Luke 10: 13-16

Baruch, today, is reflecting the way that God's chosen people have, since the time of their escape from Egypt, constantly refused to listen to the word of God. They have, instead, worshipped other Gods and done what is displeasing to Him and paid the price for so doing.

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus is awakening his Disciples to the fact that, now he, God's Son, is in their very presence, the people have direct access to his teachings and miracles. But, by their refusal to listen to and follow His Word, they are at even greater fault. Had people of the past experienced all that he was doing, they would have repented and been saved from the disasters that they encountered.

Jesus is forthright in what he tells them, "Anyone who listens to you listens to me. (Because they would be spreading His Word. The word of God.) "Anyone who rejects you, rejects me, and those who reject me reject the one who sent me (God).

What does this mean for us today? Jesus is with us in his Word and Spirit. We are to listen to his Word passed on by his disciples just as the people of his day were called to do. Oh, and respond accordingly!