

Genesis 46:1-7. 28-30. Psalm 36: 3-4. 18-19. 27-28. 39-40. Matthew 10: 16-23

The Readings today remind us again that our human lives will always have there ups and downs. Though following Jesus may not provide an easier path, God is always in control. In his hand we will be led to an eventual reward in this world and/or the next.

In the Reading from Genesis, God spoke to Israel (Jacob), who never lost faith. “I am God, the God of your father. Do not be afraid of going down to Egypt.” Jacob’s reward? Joseph, who he had earlier presumed to be dead, was waiting to embrace him.

In the Gospel, Jesus instructs the twelve, “Remember, I am sending you out like sheep among wolves:...You will be scourged....dragged before governors and kings for my sake...But the Spirit of the Father (God) will speak out in your defence.” “You will be hated....but the man who stands firm to the end will be saved.” Life is short. “You (and us) will not have gone the round of the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”

If you want further verification of all the above, listen to God’s Word. The Psalm is worth a read! It puts things very beautifully and clearly.

“For...the word of the Lord lasts forever. What is this Word? It is the Good News that has been brought to you. (In scripture)