



“I have stored up your word
in my heart” Psalm 119:11

Reading Ahead

Read: Mark 1:21-28

In the gospel Jesus begins to outline the necessary steps for discipleship: (1) Repentance; (2) Belief in the Gospel; (3) and Follow me. In this week’s gospel Jesus gives us the next decisive step in our discipleship journey: (4) listening to his teaching.

Jesus begins his public ministry by going around and teaching the people. He entered synagogues, taught on hills and proclaimed the Kingdom everywhere he went. His authority, and manner in which he spoke astounded the people. There was something about him that separated him from other preachers. The authority by which he spoke made the people believe, and rightly so, that he was God’s Son, and they began to believe in him.

As disciples, we too are called to listen to the voice of Christ and follow his authoritative teaching. We do this by reading the Bible, especially the Gospels. The stories Jesus told that enamoured the crowds are still available to us today. If we want to follow Jesus’ teaching we must begin by immersing ourselves in sacred scripture.

2 Timothy reminds us that, “All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work” (3:16-17). The Bible is the foundation of our faith and the guidebook for our lives. It is where we sit at the feet of the Lord and listen to his voice. Through the Bible we are formed as disciples of Jesus. Let us listen to his authority and let his “word be a lamp unto our feet and a light for our path” (Psalm 119:105).