

Old Testament Reading:

Jeremiah 17:5–8

⁵ Thus says the LORD:

“Cursed is the man who trusts in man
and makes flesh his strength,
whose heart turns away from the
LORD.

⁶ He is like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see any good come.
He shall dwell in the parched places
of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷ “Blessed is the man who trusts in the
LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

⁸ He is like a tree planted by water,
that sends out its roots by the
stream,
and does not fear when heat comes,
for its leaves remain green,
and is not anxious in the year of
drought,
for it does not cease to bear fruit.”

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:12–20

¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised
from the dead, how can some of you
say that there is no resurrection of the
dead? ¹³But if there is no resurrection of
the dead, then not even Christ has been
raised. ¹⁴And if Christ has not been raised,
then our preaching is in vain and your
faith is in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be
misrepresenting God, because we testified
about God that he raised Christ, whom
he did not raise if it is true that the dead
are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not
raised, not even Christ has been raised.
¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your
faith is futile and you are still in your sins.
¹⁸Then those also who have fallen asleep
in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If in this life

only we have hoped in Christ, we are of
all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised
from the dead, the firstfruits of those
who have fallen asleep.

Holy Gospel: Luke 6:17–26

¹⁷[Jesus] came down with them and
stood on a level place, with a great crowd
of his disciples and a great multitude of
people from all Judea and Jerusalem and
the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸who
came to hear him and to be healed of
their diseases. And those who were trou-
bled with unclean spirits were cured.
¹⁹And all the crowd sought to touch him,
for power came out from him and healed
them all.

²⁰And he lifted up his eyes on his dis-
ciples, and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for
yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹“Blessed are you who are hungry
now, for you shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for
you shall laugh.

²²“Blessed are you when people hate
you and when they exclude you and
revile you and spurn your name as evil,
on account of the Son of Man! ²³Rejoice
in that day, and leap for joy, for behold,
your reward is great in heaven; for so
their fathers did to the prophets.

²⁴“But woe to you who are rich, for
you have received your consolation.

²⁵“Woe to you who are full now, for
you shall be hungry.

“Woe to you who laugh now, for you
shall mourn and weep.

²⁶“Woe to you, when all people speak
well of you, for so their fathers did to the
false prophets.”

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1 Corinthians 15:20



About the Cover: Paul boldly states that without Christ’s resurrection, “your faith is futile and you are still in your sins” (1 Corinthians 15:17). There would be no point to a life lived in faith. “But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead” (1 Corinthians 15:20). This changes everything! Christ’s bodily resurrection means that His cross atoned for our sins and that we, too, will be raised. It means that our lives lived in faith in Christ are never in vain because our Redeemer lives.