

What's Happening in Sunday School?

Easter, like Christmas, is not just a single day. It is an entire season for us to celebrate Jesus' resurrection and the way that it changed the whole world. In today's Scripture passages we begin to see the very real challenges that come with sharing Jesus' message with the world.

Peter reminds the church that Jesus suffered for us. We should be willing to follow in His footsteps and suffer for doing what God has called us to do. He explains that a Christian must share what they know about Jesus because it is desperately needed by the world. We can be strong enough to do this, because God gives us His strength and support. Peter ends by referring to Jesus' followers as sheep and Jesus as the Shepherd.

In the Gospel reading, Jesus attests to his uniqueness and refers to himself as the sheep gate, the one by whom all enter into eternal life. He also warns that others who come are merely thieves and robbers who have no care for the sheep. In both 1 Peter and the Gospel, Jesus is concerned with his sheep either as their shepherd or as the gate that allows them entry into his eternal kingdom. This Sunday is typically called "Good Shepherd Sunday" for this reason.

Digging Deeper

- What were the names of the seven disciples chosen to be helpers to the Apostles?
- What community were they to serve?
- How many of the readings today mention shepherds or sheep? How many times?

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A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

P E B X Q A O W U R Y U E B Z E B A O W
 U E C X X L Q P J C L P

Cryptograms: There is a phrase below in which all the letters have

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

F Q O R X E D Q R E F S Q K U M K E E K R E T P
 A U O E X E P X Q H H A E P Q I E Z

been replaced with others letters. See if you can figure out the replacements and then what the sentence says.

Hint: The sentences can be found in the scripture readings today, although the translations may vary.

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