

# Sunday after Theophany

January 7, 2024



# Coloring Icons

What is happening?



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# Ephesians

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## 4:7-13

7 BUT EACH OF US WAS GIVEN GRACE ACCORDING TO THE MEASURE OF CHRIST'S GIFT. 8 THEREFORE IT IS SAID,

"WHEN HE ASCENDED ON HIGH HE MADE CAPTIVITY ITSELF A CAPTIVE;

HE GAVE GIFTS TO HIS PEOPLE."

9 (WHEN IT SAYS, "HE ASCENDED," WHAT DOES IT MEAN BUT THAT HE HAD ALSO DESCENDED[A] INTO THE LOWER PARTS OF THE EARTH? 10 HE WHO DESCENDED IS THE SAME ONE WHO ASCENDED FAR ABOVE ALL THE HEAVENS, SO THAT HE MIGHT FILL ALL THINGS.) 11 THE GIFTS HE GAVE WERE THAT SOME WOULD BE APOSTLES, SOME PROPHETS, SOME EVANGELISTS, SOME PASTORS AND TEACHERS, 12 TO EQUIP THE SAINTS FOR THE WORK OF MINISTRY, FOR BUILDING UP THE BODY OF CHRIST, 13 UNTIL ALL OF US COME TO THE UNITY OF THE FAITH AND OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE SON OF GOD, TO MATURITY, TO THE MEASURE OF THE FULL STATURE OF CHRIST.

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# Matthew

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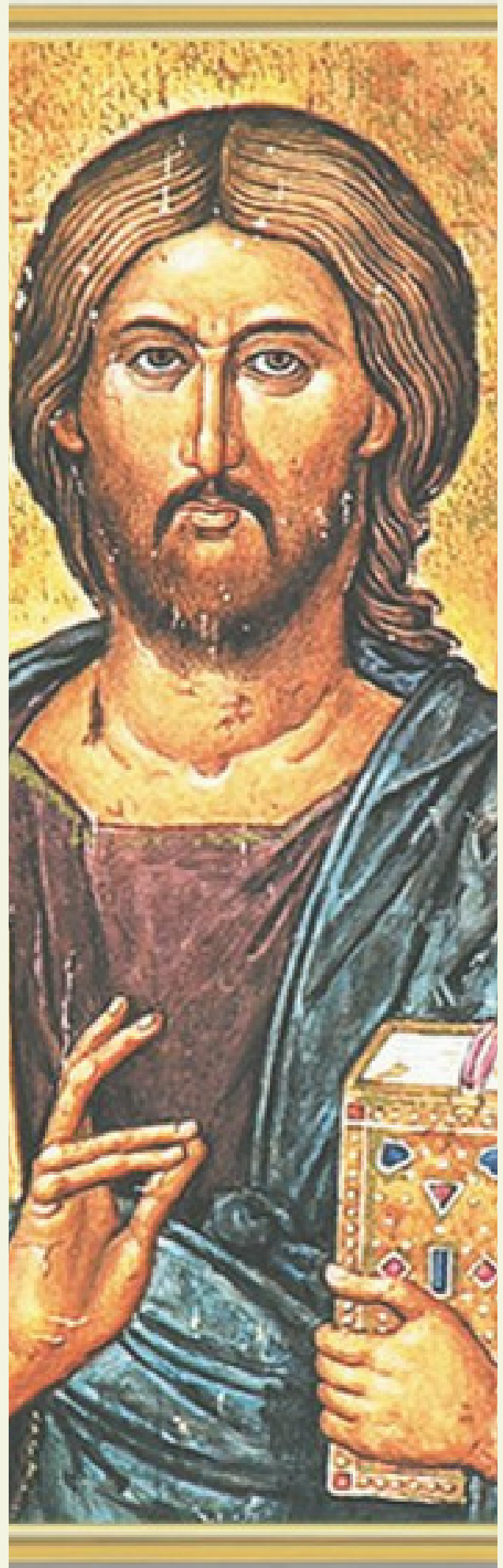
## 4:12-17

### **Jesus Begins His Ministry in Galilee**

12 Now when Jesus[a] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. 13 He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, 14 so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

15 “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the  
Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—  
16 the people who sat in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
and for those who sat in the region  
and shadow of death  
light has dawned.”

17 From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”[b]



# What do you hear God saying?

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○ **Gospel: Matthew 4: 12-17**

In today's Gospel, we hear about the message Jesus began to preach in Galilee. Choose the correct word from each group to see Jesus' message. Check your answer in your Bible.

Repent/Sin  
against/for  
the/these  
land/kingdom  
of/off  
heaven/sheol  
is/isn't  
at/with  
foot/hand.

# Sunday After Theophany Word Search Puzzle

Words run horizontally, vertically, diagonally & even backwards  
Find words as fast as possible to win.

V	O	N	A	D	R	O	J	U	G	T	Q
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T	P	N	H	F	U	F	Z	B	L	O	W

HAND ARRESTED UNITY REPENT WATER GALILEE JORDAN JESUS  
CAPTIVE STATUE

<https://www.proprofsgames.com/word-search/>

# Prayer before Communion

**O LORD, I BELIEVE AND PROFESS THAT YOU ARE TRULY CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD, WHO CAME INTO THE WORLD TO SAVE SINNERS OF WHOM I AM THE FIRST.**

**ACCEPT ME TODAY AS A PARTAKER OF YOUR MYSTICAL SUPPER, O SON OF GOD, FOR I WILL NOT REVEAL YOUR MYSTERY TO YOUR ENEMIES, NOR WILL I GIVE YOU A KISS AS DID JUDAS, BUT LIKE THE THIEF I PROFESS YOU: REMEMBER ME, O LORD, WHEN YOU COME IN YOUR KINGDOM.**

**REMEMBER ME, O MASTER, WHEN YOU COME IN YOUR KINGDOM.**

**REMEMBER ME, O HOLY ONE, WHEN YOU COME IN YOUR KINGDOM.**

**MAY THE PARTAKING OF YOUR HOLY MYSTERIES, O LORD, BE NOT FOR MY JUDGMENT OR CONDEMNATION BUT FOR THE HEALING OF SOUL AND BODY.**

**O LORD, I ALSO BELIEVE AND PROFESS THAT THIS, WHICH I AM ABOUT TO RECEIVE, IS TRULY YOUR MOST PRECIOUS BODY AND YOUR LIFE-GIVING BLOOD, WHICH, I PRAY, MAKE ME WORTHY TO RECEIVE FOR THE REMISSION OF ALL MY SINS AND FOR LIFE EVERLASTING. AMEN. O GOD, BE MERCIFUL TO ME, A SINNER. O GOD, CLEANSE ME OF MY SINS AND HAVE MERCY ON ME. O LORD, FORGIVE ME FOR I HAVE SINNED WITHOUT NUMBER.**



# Prayer for Vocations

**O GOD, GREAT IN MIGHT AND INSCRUTABLE IN WISDOM, MARVELOUS IN COUNSEL ABOVE THE SONS OF MEN, FATHER OF ALL PERFECT GIFTS: YOU THE SAME LORD, ENLIGHTEN WITH YOUR HOLY SPIRIT THE HEARTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND CALL THEM TO FOLLOW YOUR ONLY BEGOTTEN SON AND OUR SAVIOUR, JESUS CHRIST, THE GOOD SHEPHERD! GIVE THEM THE COURAGE AND GENEROSITY NECESSARY TO OVERCOME ALL OBSTACLES TO THEIR VOCATION, FOR YOU COMPLETE WHAT IS LACKING! GIVE TO THE PARENTS THAT FAITH, LOVE AND SPIRIT OF SACRIFICE WHICH WILL INSPIRE THEM TO OFFER THEIR CHILDREN TO YOUR SERVICE AND REJOICE WHENEVER ONE OF THEIR CHILDREN IS CALLED TO FOLLOW CHRIST IN A SPECIAL WAY OF PRIESTHOOD OR RELIGIOUS CONSECRATION. WE IMPLORE YOU THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF THE MOST PURE THEOTOKOS AND EVER VIRGIN MARY!**

**AMEN!**