

THE SUNDAY PAPER Year B 4th SUNDAY in LENT

The Bible tells us that whenever we think about our sinfulness, we should also think about God's MERCY. "Mercy" means "kindness to someone, whether or not they deserve it." When God's people turned away from him, he punished them. But later, he had mercy on them, and forgave them.

NUMBERS 21:9
 (God sends snakes to punish his people when they sin. Then he shows Moses how to drive away the snakes)

WHOEVER LOOKS AT THIS BRASS SNAKE WILL BE SAVED!

PSALM 107:2
 "Tell how God has saved you and rescued you from your enemies"

EPHESIANS 2:4
 "God is full of mercy, and he has rescued us from our sins to live in his Kingdom with Jesus"

God gave us his Law to show us how to obey him. Then, when we still did not obey him, he did not give up on us or destroy us. He had mercy on us. He sent his Son, Jesus, into the world. Jesus showed God's mercy in everything he did. He healed sick people and fed hungry people. Then he died to win new life for us. He showed us that even though we are sinners, God loves us.

GOD SENT HIS SON

John 3:14-21

JESUS WAS TALKING TO AN IMPORTANT LEADER NAMED NICODEMUS, WHO CAME TO HIM SECRETLY!

TEACHER, WHO ARE YOU? WHAT HAVE YOU COME TO DO?

I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO EXPLAIN, BUT YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! I COME FROM GOD... AND I CALL MYSELF THE "SON OF MAN." REMEMBER HOW MOSES SAVED THE PEOPLE BY LIFTING UP A BRASS SNAKE?

THAT'S HOW I WILL BE LIFTED UP, TO SAVE YOU!

GOD LOVED THE WORLD SO MUCH, THAT HE HAS SENT HIS ONLY SON...

GOD DID NOT SEND HIS SON TO (JOHN 3:17), BUT TO SAVE THE WORLD!

LOOK! HOORAY!

HELP! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!

... SO THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM WILL HAVE NEW LIFE!

BUT THE PEOPLE WHO LOVE EVIL DON'T WANT TO BE SAVED! THEY ARE LIKE PEOPLE WHO LIKE DARKNESS BETTER THAN LIGHT, SO THEY CAN SNEAK AROUND AND DO WICKED AND EVIL DEEDS!