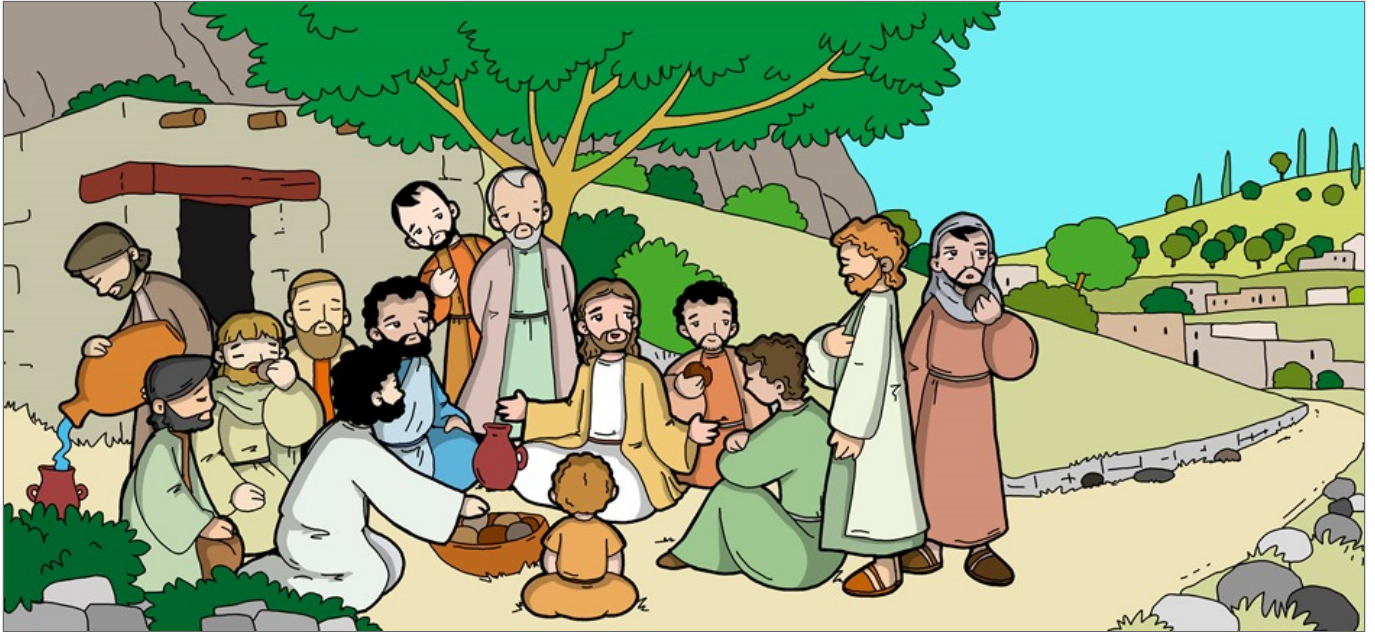


# Thursday 34th in Ordinary Time

**Gospel text (Lk 21,20-28):** Jesus said to his disciples, «When you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then you must know that the time has come when it will be reduced to a wasteland. Then, if you are in Judea, flee to the mountains...».



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Today we hear two "lessons". The first is part of history: the Christians remembered the words of the Lord and, indeed, when the Roman troops besieged Jerusalem, there was no longer any disciple in the city ... «All that was announced in the Scripture will be fulfilled»: it was fulfilled!

Second lesson: conversion ("flee to the mountains"), that is, reject evil and climb the mountain of holiness.

- «Now, when you see the first events, stand erect...». The terrible destruction of Jerusalem was another occasion for the spread of the Gospel ... For the children of God, "every cloud has a silver lining".