

**A reading from 1 Peter chapter 4 verses 12 through 19. You can find this reading on page 1016 of your pew Bible.**

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And

“If the righteous is scarcely saved,  
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”

Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

**Leader: The Word of the Lord.**

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Please join me in praying Psalm 34.**

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**People: My soul makes its boast in the Lord;  
let the humble hear and be glad.**

Leader: Oh, magnify the Lord with me,  
and let us exalt his name together!

**People: I sought the Lord, and he answered me  
and delivered me from all my fears.**

Leader: Those who look to him are radiant,  
and their faces shall never be ashamed.

**People: This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him  
and saved him out of all his troubles.**

Leader: The angel of the Lord encamps  
around those who fear him, and delivers them.

**People: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!  
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!**

Leader: Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints,  
for those who fear him have no lack!

**People: The young lions suffer want and hunger;  
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: as it  
was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**Leader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke.**

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now the men who were holding Jesus in custody were mocking him as they beat him. They also blindfolded him and kept asking him, "Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?" And they said many other things against him, blaspheming him.

When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people gathered together, both chief priests and scribes. And they led him away to their council, and they said, "If you are the Christ, tell us." But he said to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe, and if I ask you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God." So they all said, "Are you the Son of God, then?" And he said to them, "You say that I am." Then they said, "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips."

**Leader: The Gospel of the Lord**

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**