

Daily Homily
St. Matthew; Apostle, Evangelist
Feast
25 Ordinary Time, Monday
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This Gospel of Matthew's call points to something of the past and something in the future.

First, the past, Genesis and Creation. God says something, and it happens. God says, "Let there be light." And sure enough, there is light. Here with Matthew, God says, "Follow me." And sure enough, Matthew does. What God says, happens. It is why we hang on God's every word.

Second, Jesus' future, the Cross and Resurrection. Bishop Barron's reflection on this Gospel is compelling in this respect. He takes on three words from this passage, "he got up..." The word in Greek for this phrase is the same word used when referring to Jesus' resurrection, when "he got up" from the dead. It means that even before the Cross and Resurrection actually happens, it is happening in some respect throughout Jesus' life. He is raising sinners from the deadliness of sin and bringing them into a new life of resurrection through Apostleship, through discipleship.

Much to the consternation of those around Jesus who question his practice of recruitment. It should help us breathe a sigh of relief that Jesus is not calling the perfect and the righteousness – in a sense those who have no need for God or who in their youthful 20s, 30s, 40s, 50s, 60s and up have no need for a Church Tradition or a Church community that is over 2,000 years old and wise – rather Jesus called those who do have the need for healing and help from the Divine Physician.

What word is God offering to you this week that you should hang on, that will help you "get up" and follow Him immediately?