

Scripture Readings for April 3, 2011

Reader #1:

From the First and Second Chapters of Ezekiel:

“In the thirtieth year, in the fourth month on the fifth day, while I was among the exiles by the Kebar River, the heavens opened and I saw a vision of God... Above the expanse over their heads was what looked like a throne of sapphire and high on the throne was a figure like that of a man. I saw that from what appeared to be his waist up he looked like glowing metal, as if full of fire; and that from there down he looked like fire; and brilliant light surrounded him. Like the appearance of a rainbow in the clouds on a rainy day, so was the radiance around him.

This was the glory of the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. When I saw it, I fell face down and heard the voice of one speaking:

He said to me, “Son of man, stand up on your feet and I will speak to you...”

Reader #2:

From Matthew Chapter 16:

“To what shall I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the market places calling to one another:

We played the flute for you,
And you did not dance;
We sang a dirge,
And you did not mourn.

For John came neither eating nor drinking and they say, “He has a demon.” The Son of the Man came eating and drinking and they say, “Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and “sinners.” But Wisdom is proved right by her actions.”

Reader # 3:

From the Third Chapter of I John:

“How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God. And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are the children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.”