

A CRITICAL QUESTION

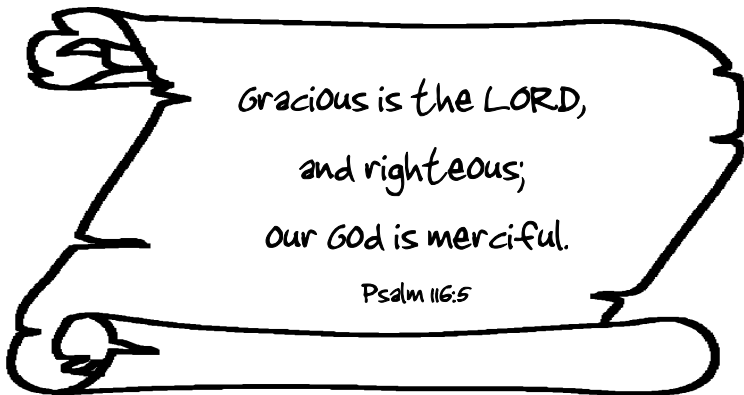
With our gospel today God poses a question that is still up to date in the relationship between God and his Church:

"ARE REASON, EYE, VOICE USE UNAMBIGUOUS?"

No, that is not the question. But if you rearrange the letters you find:

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Today's lessons:

- Exodus 16:2-15 Moses and Aaron have to deal with one crisis after another: this time the Israelites complain about the lack of food in the wilderness, wishing they were back in Egypt. But God provides for his people with bread from heaven.
- Psalms 105:1-6, 37-45 This psalm sums up the story from God's promise to Abraham to Israel arriving in the Holy Land.
- Philippians 1:21-30 When writing his Letter to the Philippians, Paul sat in prison, not sure whether he'd live or die. But he doesn't worry because whatever happens to him, he knows, it happens because of Jesus Christ.
- Matthew 20:1-16 Jesus tells his disciples a challenging parable about God's grace: the owner of a vineyard hires labourers, but not all at the same time. Nevertheless, at the end of the day all get the same pay, yet he had told the labourers they would get what is right. It shows that God's ideas of justice and ours are not always the same!

Agnus Day



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Back to fleshpots and bread?!

God's people, it seems, have always been prone to complaining: whether it's the equal payment question in today's gospel, or lack of provision on the journey through the desert. Freedom from slavery is not good enough for the Israelites. On the other hand: they do need something to eat! Turns out: God gives them all they need.

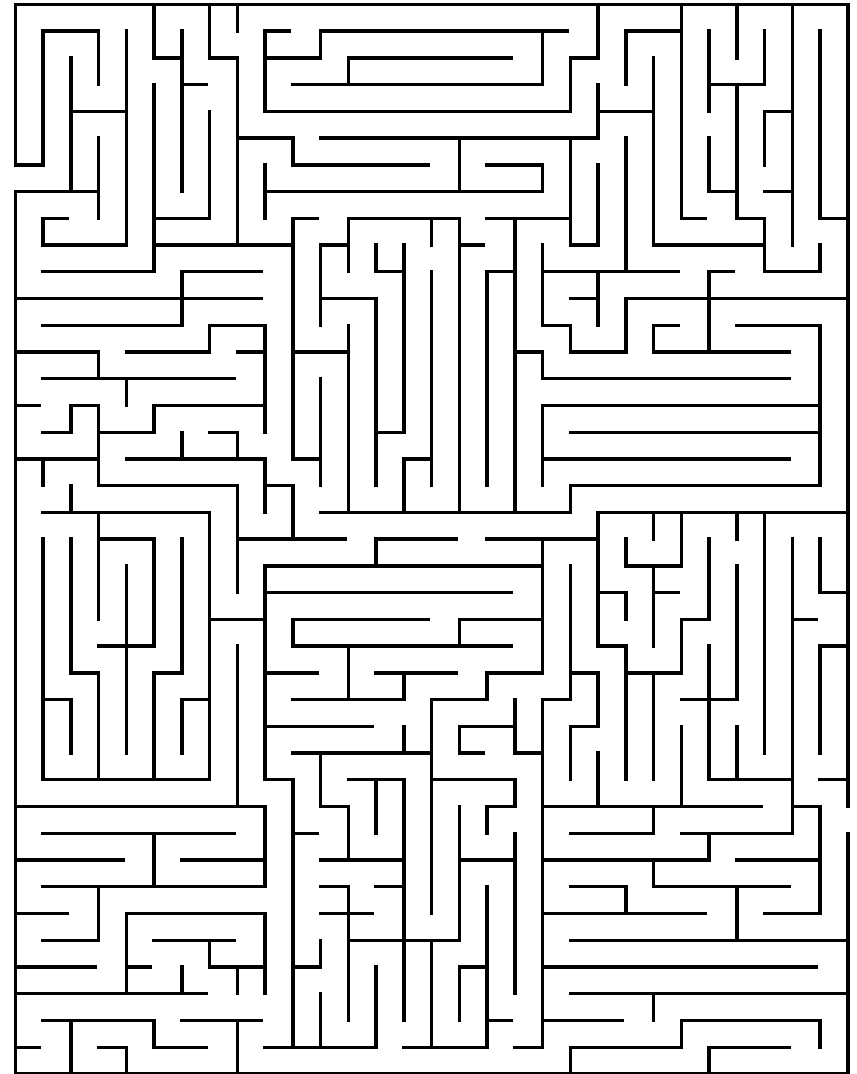
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THROUGH THE DESERT

Israel's way from slavery in Egypt to the land the God had promised to Abraham was a long and winding road. With frequent stops, and sometimes u-turns. But God was with them all the time!



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