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### Sample page from the Lent Little Black Book

March 24, 2003

#### Malcolm Muggeridge

British journalist Malcolm Muggeridge was born on this date 100 years ago.

Muggeridge introduced Mother Teresa to the world in his 1968 TV documentary, "Something Beautiful For God." And it was Mother Teresa who introduced Muggeridge (and his wife) to Catholicism.

While working as a producer for the BBC, he had heard about Mother Teresa. He began doing research on her and interviewing her. Gradually he became fascinated with the work of this tiny woman who was dedicating her life to the sick and dying in India.

A self-described "religious maniac without a religion," his work on the Mother Teresa documentary ignited an interest in Catholicism. In 1982, at the age of 79, he became Catholic, as did his wife.

"I have never experienced so perfect a sense of human equality as with Mother Teresa among her poor. Her love for them, reflecting God's love, makes them equal... however widely they differ in intellectual and other attainments, in physical beauty and grace. "

— Malcolm Muggeridge

#### Monday - Third Week of Lent

So Pilate went back into the praetorium and summoned Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?" Pilate answered, "I am not Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?" (Jn 18:33-35)

We've talked about how Pilate will vacillate between light and darkness, truth and falsehood. This is dramatized in John by Pilate shuttling back and forth, going outside the praetorium to the crowd, and inside the praetorium to Jesus. Having just been outside with the leaders, Pilate now comes inside to Jesus.

His first question has to do with whether Jesus is a king. When Jesus wants to know why he is asking this, Pilate gets a bit testy, as a Roman governor might when dealing with a "peasant" from Galilee.

Things are off to as bad a start inside as they were outside. Remember, it is Pilate who is on trial. Will he choose light or darkness?

To accept a truth that changes our perspective requires a certain humility. Getting a new insight is not just adding something to a list. It affects the other truths we hold, just as the birth of a new child affects the whole family.

That's why we sometimes close our minds. We fear the chain reaction a new insight might have on everything else.

But a closed mind is a prison. Jesus said, "The truth will set you free."

Okay, Lord. Here I am. Open my mind to truths I've been avoiding. Spend some quiet time with the Lord



## Sample page from the Easter Little White Book

**May 27, 2003**  
**153 Fish**

Over the centuries, commentators have had a field day trying to discover some special meaning or hidden secret behind the number of fish - 153. It is not in itself a symbolic number (as is, for example, the number 144). Very probably, the author is simply trying to be graphic, and provide a detail given by someone who was an eyewitness. It also served to emphasize the fact that it was a large haul of fish. \* \* \* The Gospels (and other New Testament books) were not written to be riddle-like, or to give coded messages. They were written for the people of the time, and the people of all times, and they were intended to be as clear and immediately evident to the readers as possible.

About Active Contemplation ... Active Contemplation can be so easy and enjoyable that people sometimes wonder if it's really prayer. Don't make the mistake of judging religious experiences valuable only if they're difficult. Jesus criticized prayers that were wordy and complicated. Prayer is meant to be simple.

**Tuesday, Sixth Week of Easter 5/27/2003**

So Simon Peter went over and dragged the net ashore full of one hundred fifty-three large fish. Even though there were so many, the net was not torn. (Jn 21:11)

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I'm off to the side, out of the way, watching what is going on. There's a lot going on. Typically, it is Peter who springs into action when Jesus says to bring some of the fish they've caught. He goes aboard the boat, walks to the stem, takes hold of the net full of fish, and hauls it ashore. Besides, it's his boat and his net. It occurs to me, "By the way, they caught those 153 fish because of Jesus, not their own skill with the net. Also, Jesus is the one who cooked breakfast for them." I haven't heard anyone say thank-you. Well, I think to myself, they're excited. But still, they could at least say thanks. Then, as I sit there, I think about my own track record in expressing gratitude to the Lord. When I do well at something, I tend to think it's my doing. Except that it all came from God, including my existence. And here I am, critical of these disciples for their forgetfulness. I see Peter going back to his boat to do something or other. So I go over there and we talk about it. Stay in the scene for a few minutes



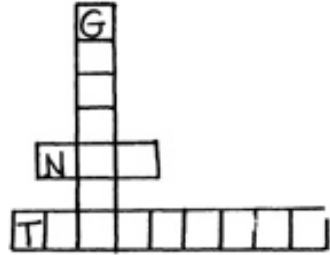
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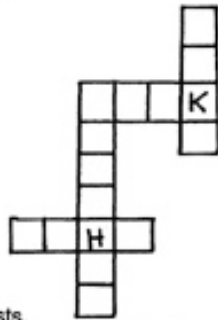
In the Bible  
there are four  
books called:

They are  
in the:



The word  
Gospel  
means

There are four writers  
of the Gospels.  
Their names are:



They are called evangelists.

Monday - Third Week Of Lent

Our Catholic Church has often pictured  
the four evangelists with symbols.

Look up in your bible Ezekiel 1:10  
to find out the symbols.

Find them mentioned again in Revelation 4:6-8



MATTHEW  
(man)



MARK  
(lion)



LUKE  
(ox)



JOHN  
(eagle)

Find the footprint



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