

## GOSPEL

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
10:26-33*

Jesus said to the Twelve:

“Fear no one.

Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed,  
nor secret that will not be known.

What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light;  
what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.

And do not be afraid of those who kill the body  
but cannot kill the soul;  
rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy  
both soul and body in Gehenna.

Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin?

Yet not one of them falls to the ground  
without your Father’s knowledge.

Even all the hairs of your head are counted.

So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

Everyone who acknowledges me before others  
I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father.

But whoever denies me before others,  
I will deny before my heavenly Father.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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