

Question for first week in February

The Super Bowl will be played this next Sunday, February 7th, in Tampa Bay, FL. No fans in the stands this year, but every other year, you would see someone in the stands holding up a sign that reads:

JOHN 3:16

What's that all about? See the answer at the end of the daily readings and the Sunday reading for Super Bowl Sunday.

Daily Readings for first week in February

February 1st:

Hebrews 11:32-40
Psalm 31:20-24
Mark 5:1-20

February 2nd (Feast of the Presentation):

Malachi 3:1-4
Psalm 24:7-10
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40



February 3rd:

Hebrews 12:4-17, 11-15
Psalm 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18
Mark 6:1-6

February 4th:

Hebrews 12:18-24
Psalm 48:2-4, 9-11
Mark 6:7-13

February 5th:

Hebrews 13:1-8
Psalm 27:1, 3, 5, 8-9
Mark 6:14-29

February 6th:

Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21
Psalm 23:1-6
Mark 6:30-34



Sunday Reading for February 7th - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Job 7:1-4, 6-7 - Job despairs about the drudgery of his life and his lack of happiness and lack of hope.

Psalms 147:1-6 - Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 - Paul says that he must preach the Gospel so as to win over as many as possible.

Mark 1:29-39 - Jesus heals Simon's mother-in-law and then heals and drives out demons from the multitudes. He then went to the synagogue to preach to all.



This week's answer

From the Gospel of St. John, Chapter 3 Verse 16 (3:16) reads: "God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, [Jesus Christ], that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life"

This is one of the most frequently cited verses from the Bible. It is considered a summary of the central theme of all Christianity.

The sign **3:16** on a placard is frequently held up at football games above the end zones in large letters, seeking attention of fans, video screens and the television audience. Some people consider it part of their Christian mission to spread the word and validate that indeed Jesus does love the world and that if we believe in Him, we shall have eternal life.

Quarterback Tim Tebow, who was born into a missionary family, used this as eye black when he played games on Sunday.

