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\_eft to our own devices, Hopefully, you won't need help to decipher this psalm verse! But if you listen to our psalm today, you find there is help. we sometimes find ourselves trapped

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### Today's lessons:

Mark 9:38-50

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 Esther is the Jewish wife of the Persian king. The

king's advisor Haman wants the king to kill all Jews, but Queen Esther uses her influence on her

husband to save her people.

Psalm 124 God has saved his people from certain death. James 5:13-20 Christians take care of one another, for example by

listening to one another, and praying for one another. When the disciples meet somebody who uses the

name of Jesus for healings without being a disciple, they try to stop him. But Jesus himself is o.k. with that: the question is not who is 'in' and who is 'out', but about the work that needs to be

done.



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## MUTUAL CONFIDENCE

If you follow James' advice, then you will taste the

### HONEY OF CONSENSUS RESTORATION.

But what was that advice again? – Just rearrange the letters:

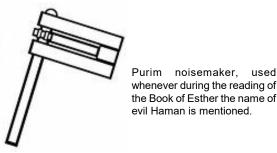
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### Did you know:

The story how Queen Esther saved her fellow-Israelites is the basis for the Jewish festival of **Purim**, that celebrates the survival of Israel under a deadly threat.

The celebration of Purim includes the reading of the Book of Esther, special cookies (called 'hamantaschen'), wearing costumes (like for Halloween) and giving food to friends and alms to the poor.

In 2016, Purim will be celebrated from sunset, 23 March, to nightfall, 24 March.



# **HELPFUL OR NOT?**

According to what Jesus says in today's gospel, that is the only question of importance: does somebody help Jesus' cause or not, does something help me to follow Jesus or does it hinder me?

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