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SALT OF THE EARTH AND LIGHT OF THE WORLD:  
CELEBRATING, LISTENING AND WALKING TOGETHER IN A SPIRIT OF COMMUNION  
PARTICIPATION AND MISSION. (MATTHEW 5: 13-16)

**"If I wish to please God, I must do His Will and not my own"**

*St Alphonsus de Liguori*



By this time, Jesus is in the Jerusalem Temple and the Feast of the Passover is imminent. Some Greeks ask to see him. When Philip and Andrew approached him, Jesus answers them with a discourse instead. With or without the inclusion of the Greeks, Jesus seems to be speaking to a larger audience (us included!) and giving some pre-requisites if you like, of becoming his followers.

*'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honour whoever serves me.'*

Are we in for discipleship? Do we want to see Jesus? Disciple-ship begins with the will to die to self so that a transformed life in the Spirit be given to us. One that has the covenant of God written in our hearts. One that is willing to serve the Lord for love's sake, so that *'all, from the least to greatest, shall know the Lord.'*

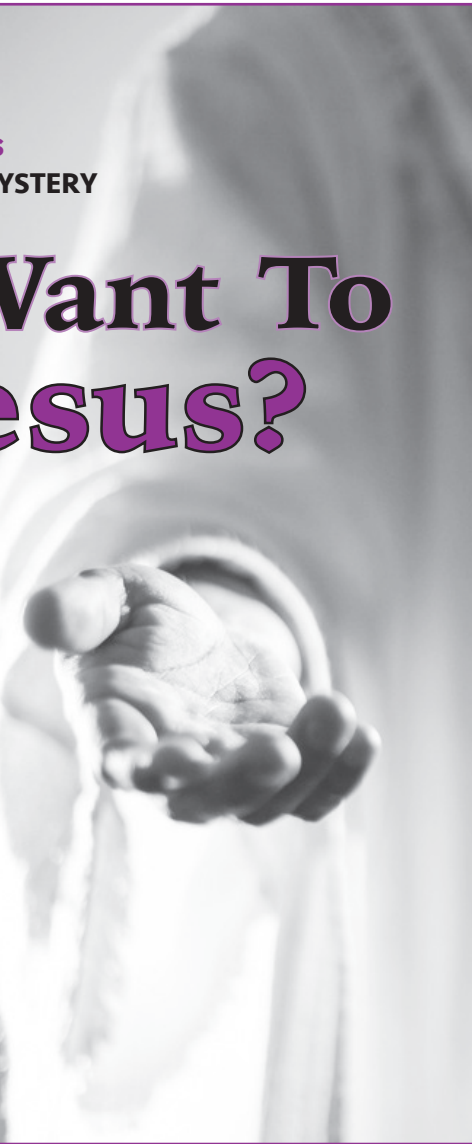
If we are ready to be disciples of Christ, let us pray as the Psalmist does, *'Create a clean heart in me, O Lord.'* Let this heart listen to your voice. For when you were in the flesh, you offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears. And by your obedience, eternal life is granted us.

Yes, Lord, we want to emulate you. Give us the grace to die to selfishness and sin, so that we can bear fruits for your Kingdom. ✦

MONTHLY FOCUS  
LIVING THE PASCHAL MYSTERY

## Do We Want To See Jesus?

Paradoxes, and contrasts. Jesus speaking as such, in some parts even hyperbolic, is perhaps to give greater impact on his teaching. So, on this 5th Sunday of Lent, let us invite the Holy Spirit to open our hearts to receive the Word.



### SCRIPTURE of the DAY

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Psalms 50: 3-4, 12-15

Hebrew 5:7-9

John 12: 20-33