



The family
“is called to
welcome,
radiate and
show the world
the love and
presence of
Christ.”

Pope Benedict XVI

SCRIPTURE of the DAY

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41

Psalms 29: 2, 4-6, 11-13

Revelation 5: 11-14

John 21: 1-19 (or 21: 1-14)

In the first reading, the apostles were strongly reprimanded by the High Priest for going around and preaching about Jesus. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, they were not afraid. Instead, they used that opportunity to accuse the Sanhedrin of executing Jesus. They proclaimed Jesus who has been exalted and is seated at God's right hand as Leader and Saviour. They insisted on obeying God and rejoiced that they should suffer for Jesus. Like the apostles, are we able to rejoice and praise God when faced with suffering?

Jesus revealed Himself again, the 3rd time after His resurrection, to the apostles. In His glorified form they did not recognise Him at a first glance. Even so, they did as He commanded, to cast their nets again. Jesus had the power and authority to give it to whomever he willed at any point in his ministry. He has also revealed Himself to us, again and again. **But the question is, do we recognise Jesus in our daily life? And in the Eucharist?**

In this profound passage, we are shown several points of faith. Jesus sought out the apostles and appeared to them. They obeyed his command even though they did not recognise Him. He performed a miracle in their act of obedience to Him, filling their nets with a abundance. Jesus had bread and fish waiting for the apostles. He provided for them. Jesus allowed Peter to be redeemed after his three denials of Him before the crucifixion. Three times He asked Peter whether he loved Him. Each time he told Peter to look after His people, entrusting the Church to Peter. And His final command to him was "Follow Me."

When we put ourselves in the place of the apostles, we cannot but believe that we are truly blessed. Here is our Saviour who seeks us, speaks to us and fills us with abundance when we obey Him. He allows us to return to Him even when we have sinned and guides us through His Word and the Church. ✠

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CELEBRATING, LISTENING AND WALKING AS PILGRIMS OF HOPE

MONTHLY FOCUS & RATIONALE

FAMILY - CALLED TO ACCOMPANY FAMILIES FACING CHALLENGES

Is Jesus Visible in Your Daily Life?



With the Psalmist we exclaim "I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me." And with the multitudes on earth, in heaven and in the universe, we celebrate the glory of Jesus singing praises to the Lord and blessing Him.