

Gospel of Matthew #21 (28 June)

Anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it Matthew 10:37-42

Good morning, I will read today's Gospel of Matthew:

Jesus said to his disciples,

"If you want to belong to me, you must love me more than anyone. You must be willing to carry your cross and follow me.

If you are willing to give your life because you believe in me, you will live forever.

"Anyone who makes you feel welcome, makes me feel welcome.

And anyone who welcomes me, welcomes the one who sent me.

Anyone who accepts a prophet will be rewarded like a prophet.

Anyone who welcomes a holy person will get the same reward as a holy person.

And anyone who gives even a cup of cold water to someone who belongs to me, will be rewarded."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel Reflection #21 (28 June)

Hello, I will sign for Fr. Wayne's reflection of today's Gospel about the Costs and Rewards of Discipleship.

As followers of Christ, hospitality and good deeds cannot be optional extras, i.e. to pick and choose (or not) how I will be a disciple. It is at the very heart of the Gospel and what we are called to do as disciples. And the ultimate motivation is clear: to welcome and help another person is to welcome and help Christ Himself. And Christ the Master is demanding at times and will demand much of us according to our gifts and talents. This is the challenge and so how will we respond? Hospitality is not so much about open doors as about open hearts.

There is a risk in having an open heart. One can get hurt. But to open one's heart is to begin to live. Like Hospitality offered, so are good deeds. They don't have to be big in order to be of help and comfort to the person for whom they are done. They just have to have a certain quality and that quality is warmth. All deeds that come from the heart have this warmth.

Today's videotaping may be the last one. However, both Fr. Wayne Edwards and I, myself, Gail Finn, would like to thank you all for watching and listening the Gospel and reflecting of what the Gospel means to us.

May God bless you all. Amen.