

Commentary on the Gospel for Sun, Apr 29th 2018

Lectio Divina

Read: Christ wins Saul over and Saul becomes a firm believer. John invites all Christians to love in truth and deed. If we abide in Jesus, the true vine, we shall become his branches and produce fruit worthy of God.

Reflect: Unlike many other plants, the vine and its branches share a special, unique relationship – you can never identify where the stem of the vine ends and a branch begins. It is as if the stem is the branch. Hence, the metaphor of vine and the branches brings out a unique relationship between Jesus and us: for those who abide in him, one can never know where Christ ends and they begin. The truth is, in those who truly abide in Christ, it is Christ all the way. With Paul, they can sing, “It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me” (Gal. 2:20).

Pray: Lord Jesus, abide in me so that I become you.

Act: Draw up an image that captures your present relationship with Christ. How far or near is that image from the relationship between vine and the branches?

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