

## **Commentary on the Gospel for Tue, Jul 17th 2018**

### **THE PEOPLE THERE DID NOT CHANGE THEIR WAYS**

How do we reconcile the image of the compassionate Jesus who heals the sick and forgives the sinner with that of the wrathful Jesus who denounces the people of Chorazin and Bethsaida? Anger is not always antithetical to love. Many times, anger is due to love. We are angered by the actions of people we care for.

Jesus' anger toward his people was rooted in his deep love for them. Nonetheless, his love did not diminish. In dealing with the woman caught in adultery, he clearly distinguished the sin from the sinner. The sin he condemned; the sinner he forgave.

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