

Commentary on the Gospel for Wed, May 15th 2024

That they may be consecrated

Jesus prays for his disciples in his priestly prayer: "And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth." This act of consecration is not just a separation from the ordinary, but a powerful empowerment, a divine calling that elevates our existence.

The Lord has set us apart in the world for a profound purpose. It's not a mere test of our worthiness but a huge invitation to participate in the mission of making God's presence tangible in the world. This mission is of utmost significance. God is calling us to participate in his mission!

Jesus lived in the world but was not of the world. He lived contrary to the system, and because of this, He was persecuted and condemned to death. Do we live contrary to today's system, or do I adapt my faith to the values of the world?

Through what words and actions do I show that I belong to the world or don't belong to the world? Am I showing a little of both? To be 'holy' is not to escape and distance ourselves physically from that world, which is what many are tempted to do or even think is the right thing to do. Knowing the difficulties the disciples will face in their mission, Jesus prays that through his death, the disciples might remain firm in the truth.