

Commentary on the Gospel for Tue, May 28th 2024

Everything?

“*We have given up everything to follow you.*” Peter might have been pretty sincere in making this declaration. After all, didn’t they leave behind their families and professions to spend their lives with Jesus? However, there were far more important but subtle attachments they had not yet given up. Ironically, almost immediately after Peter’s declaration, we have the selfish request from James and John: ““Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.”” They gave up material possessions alright, but the attachment to positions and honors had not left them. The worse was to come: at the moment of Christ’s Passion, all disciples, without exception, would abandon him, with Peter topping it with the triple denials. Today might be a good moment to examine sincerely our own subtle and gross attachments that prevent us from a total fall into God’s hands—after all, we cannot fall in installments.