

Commentary on the Gospel for Wed, Feb 15th 2012

There is one distinct thing about the miracle described in today's reading: it is the only miracle of Jesus that happened gradually. Usually his miracles take sudden and complete effect. The gradual dawning of truth is a fact of experience. There are sometimes sudden breakthroughs, but they usually come at the end of a long preparation. The truth isn't always obvious to us, even though it is pure light in itself. Our eyes are clouded; and colds, we know, have hazy boundaries. But the Lord is patient with us, even as he shouts at us to wake up!

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