



12th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Zec 12:10-11; 13:1
Ps 63:2-6, 8-9
Gal 3:26-29
Luke 9:18-24

Monday June 21

2 Kings 17:5-8,13-15a,18
Ps 60:3-5,12-13
Matt 7:1-5

Tuesday June 22

2 Kings 19:9b-11,
14-21,31-36
Ps 48:2-4,10-11
Matt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday June 23

2 Kings 22:8-13;23:1-3
Ps 119:33-37,40
Matt 7:15-20

Thursday June 24

**Nativity of
St. John the Baptist**
Isaiah 49:1-6
Ps 139:1b-3,13-14-15
Acts 13:22-26
Luke 1:57-66,80

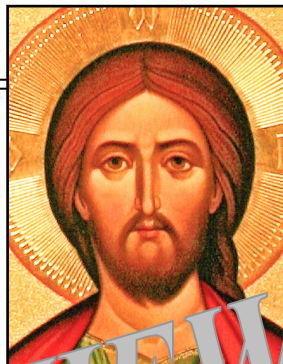
Friday June 25

2 Kings 25:1-12
Ps 137:1-6
Matt 8:1-4

Saturday June 26

Lam 2:2,10-14,18-19
Ps 74:1b-7,20-21
Matt 8:5-17

"Who do *you* say that I am?" That's the question we're each asked in this Sunday's Gospel reading. Does your life speak loudly and clearly, proclaiming that Jesus is really your Lord, really your Savior, really your love, really your teacher, really your guide, and really your example of how to live? In every circumstance



When times are good, do you say that Jesus is the one who provided the blessings? When you've been hurt, do you say you forgive because Jesus took your pain and the other person's sin to the cross? When you feel angry, righteously so or otherwise, do you speak words of irritation you or do you pray to Jesus for the ability to find peace again?

Our lips can say that Jesus is Lord even while our lives are saying quite the opposite. We need to pay attention to the messages that we convey with our behaviors. We need to live consciously, deliberately matching our

words to our actions and noticing the times when we don't.

When we sin, usually it's because we're reacting to some sort of inner, unhealed pain or fear. If we take the time to read the clues in our behaviors, they will reveal what is lacking in our awareness of who Jesus really is, giving us an opportunity to experience more of his love and his healing.

"Does my life speak loudly and clearly about the real Jesus?" It's a question we should ask ourselves daily. The answer will point to where we need to put more effort into our education about who Jesus really is and what he is really like. It also explains why we fail to evangelize effectively: People don't believe our words when our lives don't prove that we ourselves believe!

Who is Jesus? He knows you intimately and cares about you totally. He loves you whether you deserve it or not, and he is always helping you, even when you can't see it. He never did and never will abandon you.

If you believe this, you feel safe with him no matter how hard life gets, and his love feels so true that you want to do everything possible to remain close to him, take up your daily cross and follow him in loving others.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Write a list of words that describe Jesus for you. Which of these do you sometimes doubt?
2. What will you do this week to come into a better understanding of who Jesus really is?
3. When is it most difficult to believe that Jesus really cares?
4. In that example, how is this a false image of Jesus? What's he really like?