

Holy Wednesday

We are halfway through our Holy Week journey and the forces that seek to bring about the end of Jesus start to coalesce. Holy Wednesday is traditionally the day we recognize Judas' decision to betray Jesus. In this decision we see fear, clinging to power, and hypocrisy as one of Jesus' closest friends and followers betrays him.

READ: Matthew 23:1-12

REFLECT: Throughout his ministry and especially in the days leading up to his death, Jesus often spoke in parables and metaphors to help his followers understand his messages. In this passage, Jesus uniquely speaks very pointedly and directly on the dangers of hypocrisy, pride, and false piety. He intentionally calls out the hypocrisy of the religious leadership and warns against it in the future for his followers. He asks them to remember their humility and who he has taught them to be as his followers. What in your life is inconsistent with your Christian beliefs? How might you humble yourself today in the presence of Jesus?

PRAY: Let us pray that our life may not turn our faith into a lie: God, you keep speaking your word to us through your Son Jesus Christ. Make us listen to that word and welcome it with all that is in us. Let that word change our mentality and our ways, that it may direct our lives to make them a lived message of Good News for all to see, to be inspired by, and to follow. Let it be the living power that leads all to give you praise and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.