



**May 28, 2017 - The Ascension Of The Lord Lectionary: 58 Gospel MT 28:16-20**

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

**Spiritual Reflection:** Jesus informs us that He will be with us and this should remind us of the Biblical principal that God always guarantees his presence He has a task for people to do. For us we are to out and baptize in God's name.

**Spiritual Questions:**

1. Why is Baptism so important?
2. Why do we need God's presence in our work?
3. How do we make God present in the world today?
4. How do we lift people up?
5. Why did Jesus return to heaven?

**May 28, 2017 - Seventh Sunday Of Easter Lectionary: 59 Gospel JN 17:1-11A**

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all people, so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave him. Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ. I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do. Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began. "I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you gave me is from you, because the words you gave to me I have given to them, and they accepted them and truly understood that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me, because they are yours, and everything of mine is yours and everything of yours is mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to you."

**Spiritual Reflection:** Gratitude is one of the great motivators in the life of Christ and thus should be in the life of a Christian.

**Spiritual Questions:**

1. What are you grateful for?
2. How does Gratitude motivate others?
3. How can you help others become more grateful?
4. Can you give God everything?
5. Are you going to the Father?