



August 27, 2017 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 121 Gospel MT 16:13-20

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

Spiritual Reflection: Notice that no one says Jesus is like Herod (a man full of pride and lust), Pilate (a man full of pride and wrath), or Caesar Augustus (Pride and Greed).

Spiritual Questions:

1. Who do you say Jesus is like?
2. Who do you say Jesus is not like?
3. What do people say about you?
4. What do you want people to say about you?
5. How can you help others?