

Reflection Wednesday Week 1 Year 1 2023

In one of the temptations Jesus' faced in the wilderness was that he would receive ultimate power and wealth if only he bowed down before the Devil. This was a temptation that did not end in the desert, it was a temptation Jesus faced throughout his life, as today's gospel shows. By healing people the way he did, Jesus could have built up a great following and his personal power would have increased daily. Recognising this, Jesus repeatedly said no to the Devil and moved on. This is also why Jesus often went off into the wilderness to pray and to seek the guidance and help of his Father. He knew he could not live his life without the help of the Father and the Holy Spirit. Jesus came to heal the world not just a few individuals, and he knew that to heal the world it would cost him his life. He did his best not to allow others to die for his cause not fully understanding why.

To be his true followers we will always need the help of the Father and the Holy Spirit and, of course, the help of Jesus too.

Prayer:

Dear God, today I bring you my life, my hopes, my dreams, my deepest yearnings ... You know me intimately. You knew me even before I was formed in the womb. You called me into this world to do good and live the life I was uniquely and specifically created for. I ask for Courage and Wisdom to live this life—the life of my dreams. Show me where to start and help me be open to hearing your Voice today. I ask for a greater consciousness of your Presence, today and every day of my life. Amen.

A man left for work one Friday morning.

Instead of going home after work, he stayed out the entire weekend hunting with the boys and spending all his wages. When he finally got home on Sunday night, he was confronted by his very angry wife. After a while she stopped nagging and said, "how would you like it if you didn't see me for two or three days?"

"That would be fine with me", he replied.

Monday went by and he didn't see his wife. Tuesday and Wednesday came and went with the same result. Thursday, the swelling went down just enough for him to see her a little out of the corner of his left eye.