

May 16, 2021 Seventh Sunday of Easter

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Gospel

Gospel – Adapted from John 17:11B-19

Jesus lifted his eyes to heaven and prayed, "Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me. I pray for them to be one, just as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name. I guarded them and none of them was lost except Judas, who was a child of destruction. What the Scriptures said has come true.

"But now I am coming to you. I say this in front of them so they will share my joy completely. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them, because they do not belong to the world, as I do not belong to the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you protect them from the evil one.

"They do not belong to the world, as I do not belong to the world. Make them holy in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake, I dedicate myself, so that they may be dedicated to you."



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Reflection

"They do not belong to the world, as I do not belong to the world." These words of Jesus are so important. We can become so comfortable in this world that sometimes we forget them. This world is beautiful, and it was made for us; but it is also broken, and it will not last forever. None of us will be in this world forever. We don't belong here forever; we belong in Heaven. And that is greater than anything this world has to offer.

It is important for us to remember that, because Jesus also said, "Make them holy in the truth." God's Word is truth. We have God's truth, given to us, from Jesus, through the Catholic Church. We must stand firm in His truth. This world tells many lies, about what is important, or what is right and what is wrong. And it rewards people that follow the lies instead of the truth.

If we forget that we don't belong to this world – we belong to God, and in Heaven – then we will be very tempted to trade the truth for a lie, so we can have this world's rewards. But Jesus had a hard time in the world, and often, so will we. That is fine. We don't belong here anyway. Our true home is Heaven.

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Discussion Questions

What are some things we can have in this world, if we don't follow Jesus like we should? (Think about if you are willing to cheat, or steal, or not stand up for what is right.)

Why are God's promises so much greater than anything we can get from this world?



4 Vocabulary

- Consecrate To set something aside for a holy purpose.
- Faithfulness Being true and loyal to God and our Faith, even in difficult times.
- **Heaven** Being happy forever with God. Heaven is our true home. Our life on earth is a journey to Heaven.
- Worldliness Behaving as if this world is most important, or all that matters. We are made for Heaven. Worldliness is a poor attitude, that is not concerned with Heaven, but treats the things of earth as most important.

5 Fill in the Blank

1)	Jesus wants His people to be	for	holy purposes.

- 2) We must demonstrate ______ to the Truth.
- 3) An attitude of _____ makes us forget our true home.
- 4) ______ is our true home, and this life is a journey to get there.



6 Quiz

1)	Jesus	prayed	for Hi	s followers	to be	·

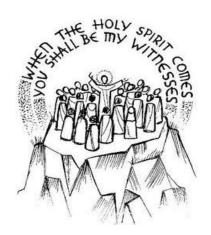
- A) Strong
- B) Smart
- C) Rich
- D) One
- 2) What did Jesus ask His Father to do for His followers?
 - A) Take them out of the world
 - B) Protect them from the evil one
 - C) Give them the finest things
 - D) Help them get good jobs
- 3) Jesus said to the Father, "Your word is _____."
 - A) Powerful
 - B) Wise
 - C) Mysterious
 - D) Truth



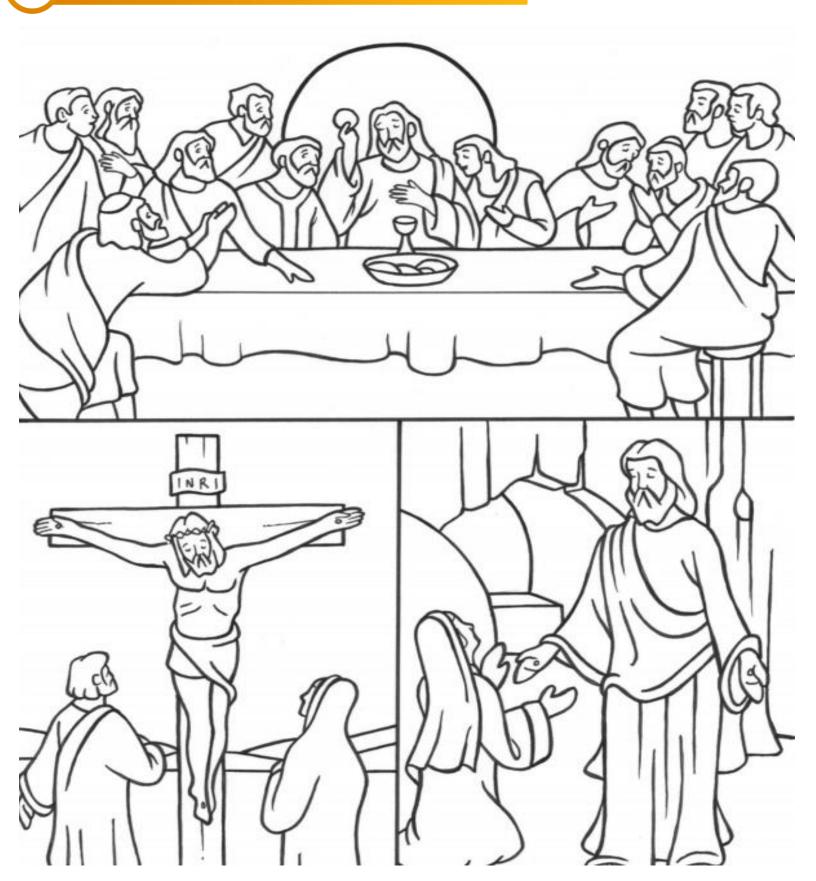
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Answers

Fill in the Blank

- 1) Consecrated
- 2) Faithfulness
- 3) Wordliness
- 4) Heaven

Quiz:

- 1) D One
- 2) B Protect them from the evil one
- 3) D Truth

