

Motivation for Mt 16:21-27

In this Sunday's Gospel we come before God as ourselves, our human selves – like we do every week – with our human problems, human obstacles, human challenges. How willing are we to abandon these before the feet of Christ? In this moment of Lectio, how truly ready are we to offer up our worries to God, to let go of the things that limit us?

God invites us to cast aside these worries - not to forget them, but to defeat them. We are shown through a brief narrative of Jesus' path towards his ultimate sacrifice how he demonstrates his ability to overcome his worries and encourages us to do the same.

We are not invited to see this narrative as yet another series of events, or a foretelling of what is to come but to understand it in our lives today. How does Christ want you to come before him today? What challenges or thoughts of this world separate you from union with God?