

3 Easter Monday 2020  
JN 6:22-29

Leading up to this morning's gospel is found in Matthew, Mark and John, namely the multiplication of the loaves and fish, which had occurred the day before, which the crowd had witnessed, and the walking on the water, which had occurred the night before, which the crowd did not witness. They saw the boat of disciples leave for Capernaum with Jesus not in it. The next day, they realized that Jesus was nowhere to be found, so they looked for Him in Capernaum. Their question, "Lord when You get here?" was more like, "not only when, but how did You get here?" It never occurred to them that He had walked, right across the Sea of Galilee, to Capernaum. Capernaum, may I remind you, is where Jesus got His own place after He had moved out from Joseph and Mary.

Jesus realized their looking for Him was so self serving. You're not looking for Me because of the signs I worked. You're looking for Me because of what's in it for You, how these signs and wonders will benefit you.

Those who did not believe in Jesus even when they did see signs and wonders are the same as those who do not believe in Jesus today, signs and wonders aside. Those who don't go to Church today are the same as those who did not or would not follow Our Blessed Lord when He walked the Earth. It's the same mentality.

Did it even occur to them, that He who worked signs and wonders would have, and did have, the power to do things behind the scenes that they would never know, that they would never see? Did it ever occur to the 5000 who witnessed the multiplication of the loaves and fish that Our Blessed Lord had put them in that time and place so they could witness this miracle? Did they realize they were hand picked by God to witness this miracle? Probably not.

Governor Cuomo, in his press conference two weeks ago today, April 14<sup>th</sup>, said, regarding the number of those infected:

The number is down because we brought the number down. God did not do that. Faith did not do that.

How can Governor Cuomo be so sure?

A verse from Isaiah comes to the fore:

Lord, . . . you have accomplished all we have done.  
(26:12)

Also, a few verses from the Book of Revelation apply here:

“You keep saying, “I am so rich and secure that I want for nothing.” Little do you realize how wretched you are, how pitiable and poor, how blind and naked! Take my advice. Buy from me gold refined by fire if you would be truly rich. Buy white garments in which to be clothed, if the shame of your nakedness is to be covered. Buy ointment to smear on your eyes, if you would see once more.” (3:17-18)

How can Governor Cuomo be so sure? He can't. We as Catholics believe that every good thought, every good work, every good “good” comes from God. So in this case, the thought to mitigate, the plan to mitigate, with all that mitigation entails, is from God. God figured out the entire plan and then put it on government minds to roll it out.

Bishop Barron is a 21<sup>st</sup> century Fulton Sheen. He is brilliant. Google Bishop Barron and Governor Cuomo and listen to his 10 minute explanation of how God works.

So Governor Cuomo can claim to take credit for low numbers, even though the credit is not his to take. What he can take credit for is passing the most liberal, pro-death

abortion legislation in the history of this country, and then lighting up the Empire State Building in pink to celebrate. Yes, Governor Cuomo, you can take credit for that, and let us all know how that works out for you in the next life. And despite your pro-death platform and apparent disregard for unborn life, we will continue to pray for you, that the Lord will continue to inspire you, as he has been, since the pandemic began.

In the meantime, truth seeking believers in Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life, will continue to allow Jesus to use us in any measure He sees fit to bring this pandemic to an end.