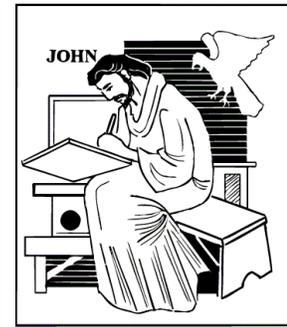
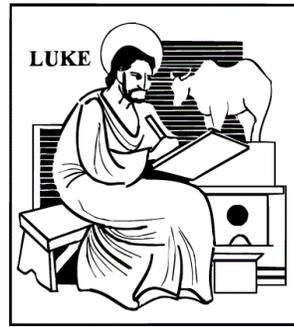
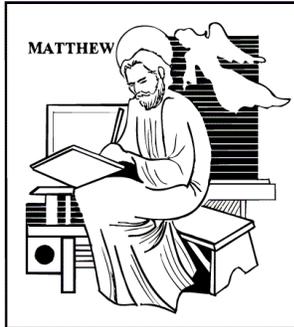


## Breaking Open the Word



### May 17, 2015 - Seventh Sunday of Easter Lectionary: 60 Gospel Jn 17:11b-19

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying: "Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one. When I was with them I protected them in your name that you gave me, and I guarded them, and none of them was lost except the son of destruction, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you. I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely. I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth."

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**Spiritual Reflection:** During the Last Supper Our Blessed Lord used the word "Father" forty-five times. Up until then, the world had only known the Supreme Being as God. He now emphasized that God is a Father, because of His intimate and paternal attitude toward men. - Archbishop Fulton Sheen

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### Spiritual Questions

1. What does the image of God as "Father" mean to you?
2. Why is it important for us to stay in the world?
3. Do you belong to the world?
4. Are you consecrated in the Truth?
5. How does Jesus fulfill the Scripture?