



Essential Evangelization

God Is a Great Architect!

Do you know the way to heaven? In today's Gospel reading Jesus shows us "the Way." And it is so very simple it defies human understanding and the common sense of today's world. The Apostle Thomas asks Jesus the great lead-in question, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" And Jesus answers simply, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life."

Jesus, the Second Person of the Trinity, was set apart from the beginning of time as the judge of all. He also paid the ultimate price for you and me as the spotless Lamb in His Passion and Death on the Cross. The wisdom of the world would say that we have to be good enough to enter the pearly gates. The world says: St. Peter will meet us at the gate, book in hand, and ledger of all of our good work: the plusses; and all of our sins, the minuses. If we end up on the positive side of the ledger, we are in. If not, sorry. Well..... in God's perfect wisdom it is not that "way."

The Bible tells us that we can't gain salvation by our works "so no man can boast". The Sacred Scripture also tells us that God set His absolutes in the commandments. And since we cannot lead perfect lives apart from His perfect will, we all unfortunately ultimately fail. Fortunately, He made a new Way. He paid the price for us in the New Covenant.

We need to put our faith and trust in Jesus. We need to know Him to know the Father. We need a personal relationship with the Way. When we do this, following His commands are so much easier!

In this Gospel passage Jesus also gives us the great reward for the faithful, "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places.... I am going to prepare a place for you." And God is a great Architect!

"I am the gate."

The words of Jesus, from last week's Gospel

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