

Commentary on the Gospel for Tue, Mar 15th 2016

Less is More

As I read through John's Gospel for today, I could not help but think of the saying, "less is more." Not because of the number of words that John uses, but because of a phrase Jesus uses. As Jesus explains to the Pharisees who he is, among a bit of context, he simply says, "I AM." Jesus could have inserted any number of grandiose words to follow, but he doesn't. That was all that was needed.

To me, there is comfort in the simplicity of, "I AM." Maybe because the lack of words ironically means that Jesus is "everything", "all there is", and "the whole." Maybe the greatest things do not come from grandiosity. Less really is more.

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