

## **Commentary on the Gospel for Fri, Mar 25th 2011**

Rejection, betrayal, suffering; both our readings today reveal the irony that is those who should know better who have the power to hurt us. Greed, jealousy and a sense of entitlement are the weeds that grow in our hearts leading us lose sight of our humanity seeing others as threats and obstacles in our way, objects to be discarded or ignored as we pursue the paths that offer us a happiness, that is so often short lived and false. As you look back over your life who are the people you have let down and betrayed? Who has left you feeling betrayed and rejected? How can the crucified Christ point the way beyond our own sufferings and guilt so we too may experience new life?

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