

Commentary on the Gospel for Sat, Jul 21st 2018

HERE IS MY SERVANT, WHOM I HAVE CHOSEN; THE ONE I LOVE, AND WITH WHOM I AM PLEASED

Jesus cures the sick but instructs them not to make him known to others as their healer. Doing so would fan their expectations in him as the longed-for messiah. Indeed, Jesus is the messiah but not according to their expectations; that is, the military ruler who would crush their enemies. On the contrary, Jesus does not respond to the violence of the Roman Empire with violence. Jesus, the Prince of Peace and Justice, exemplifies to us that the renewal of the world will not come about through a violent overhaul but through the way of peace, truth and love.

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