Commentary on the Gospel for Fri, Feb 17th 2012

Yesterday's gospel passage introduced the scandalous theme of suffering. Today's gospel reading focuses on the same theme. Jesus was trying to draw the disciples into a deeper understanding of his identity. It was his hardest lesson, and it has to be learned over and over again. It is not only about him, but it is also about us. "If you choose to save your life you will lose it; and if you lose your life for my sake and for the sake of the Gospel, you will save it."

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