

Commentary on the Gospel for Fri, Jun 29th 2012

For some of them you are John the Baptist, for others Elijah or Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.” In other words, the people see you through the eyes of the past; in fact they think you are the past; all those names they mentioned are the names of dead people. That is not unusual. Come to think of it, it is what we do most of the time: we interpret the present not as something new but as something old. I shiver a little now when I realize it. But for one moment, that heavy stone—the dead past—moves aside a fraction of an inch and Peter sees Jesus as “the one who is to come,” the future, the Messiah. Peter had that moment of grace to see Jesus as God’s new deed. It is on that faith that the community of the faithful is built.

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