

## **Commentary on the Gospel for Wed, Jul 11th 2012**

In the gospel reading today Jesus named his disciples tasked them with concrete responsibilities and given them concrete instructions. Clear cut. They were to expel evil spirits and heal illness and suffering. They should not go to other places but rather go after the lost sheep of the house of Israel; and proclaim that the reign of God is near. These give us impressions on the urgency of the mission Jesus wants his disciples to live.

Following Jesus means following him concretely. His values are concrete; his proposed life is concrete. There should not be confusion of what is just and not, of what is peace and not, of what cultivates and promotes life and not... Clear cut. And there is no timeframe in following Jesus; it is always “now”.

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