

## **Commentary on the Gospel for Thu, Aug 9th 2012**

In verse 23, Jesus is telling Peter, “Get behind me, Satan!” Peter was no longer speaking with the voice of God, but with the voice of the devil. How quickly his standing changed! That was Peter, whose name means “Rock.” If you think you are rock solid, this reading seems to tell us, just wait a bit! You are a frail human being like Peter, like everyone. But Jesus never gave up on Peter. Nor will he, we are certain, on you or me.

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