

## **Commentary on the Gospel for Thu, Aug 30th 2012**

Peter, James, and John fell asleep in Gethsemane because they could not bear to be present to what was happening. In the same way we also filter out certain people we do not like, or certain painful memories, or challenges that are facing us. And above all, we sleep when we are bored: when external stimulation ceases and we fail to mobilize our own inner resources. “Stay awake!” he said. “You do not know the day when your master is coming.” But the master comes every day, does he not? However, if he had said that, we would simply have gone back to sleep. He knows us very well!

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