

Commentary on the Gospel for Mon, Sep 3rd 2012

They liked him well while he spoke sweet words to them, but the moment he began to pierce their egotism they became enraged. It is ever so with us. We even like to hear condemnations, provided they are not about us – or about me. I heard a preacher in Ireland who was trying valiantly to point his message straight at each individual in the congregation. “I’m talking to you,” he said, “not the person behind you, not the person on your left or on your right, not the ‘others,’ but you, you, you!” After the Mass one neighbor said to another, “Man, I would not like to be the fellow that that priest was yelling at!”

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