

Commentary on the Gospel for Tue, Feb 14th 2012

Jesus sounds like an impatient teacher today: “Do you not understand? Have you no perception? Are your minds closed... Do you not remember?” The word used for ‘closed’ is the same that he used elsewhere to describe the minds of the Pharisees! The disciples had to keep their wits about them in his presence! Where did we get the idea that sentimental attachment to him is enough? We have sentimentalized the Faith to the point where many men – certainly many young men – would be ashamed to admit that they were Christians. Worst of all are the images of repository art: he looks out at you through cocker-spaniel eyes, his head tilted weakly to one side, pleading for affection!

When will we see an image of Jesus where his eyes penetrate to the depths of your soul?

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