

MARCH 26, 2021
Friday of the 5th Week of Lent
John 10: 31-42

“MANY BELIEVED IN HIM.”

Prophet Jeremiah was one of the prophets persecuted and ridiculed by his own people. He was mocked, denounced, and abandoned even by his close friends and relatives because he stands firm with the Lord. He defended and entrusted everything to the Lord, and never doubt his God as he said: “But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten.”¹ Jeremiah is advising us that everything will be well with the Lord, even if our enemies seem winning, it is just temporary, at the end the Lord will prevail and be victorious, and we will triumph with Him. It will take place because the Lord is more powerful than our problems, difficulties, and sickness. With Him we will be victors.

Being with the Lord needs open mind and docility. The Pharisees had difficulty in believing in Jesus because of their closed mind and pride. They don't listen to the words and works of Jesus because they only listened to themselves. Only those who were simple, and willing to listen with open heart can discover who Jesus is. “Many came to him, and they were saying, ‘John performed no sign, but everything that John said about this man was true.’ And many believed in him there.”²

My brothers and sisters as we are in the last days of the Season of Lent, let us pray that we may continue see the saving works of Jesus in our lives, that He may open our hearts and follow Him, and through us, others may see who Jesus is through our love, concern, compassion, and care for them.

¹ Jeremiah 20: 11 NRSV Catholic Bible Press USA

² John 10: 41-42 NRSV Catholic Bible Press USA