

What's Happening in Sunday School?

One theme that can be seen throughout the readings this week is the uniqueness of Jesus Christ as the way to the Father. In Acts we see those jealous Jews who go to great lengths to stop Paul and Silas, going so far as to follow them to another city. They are trying to hinder the message of Jesus as the Messiah. Despite this, they still managed to find more followers who believed.

In the reading from the First Letter of Peter, the focus becomes Jesus as the chief cornerstone and echoes the actions and attitudes of the Jews from Acts. Jesus is a stumbling block for them because they refuse to understand the scriptures and believe what has been written concerning Jesus. Peter makes it very clear that it is belief in Jesus that will preserve believers from being put to shame. With Jesus as the cornerstone, the foundation, we are to be built into a spiritual house.

Continuing with the building metaphor Jesus, in the Gospel of John, describes the Kingdom of God as a house with many dwellings where He is going to prepare a place. When the disciples state that they don't know how to get there Jesus tells them that He is the way, the truth, and the life. Jesus then explains the consubstantial nature of Himself and the Father; "I am in the Father and the Father is in me."

Digging Deeper

- Where can we find a statement where we affirm what Jesus says about his relationship to the Father in the Gospel lesson? (Hint: BCP p. 358)
- Does the uniqueness of Jesus make it harder or easier to be a Christian?
- Why is it so important that we introduce others to Jesus?

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