

Reflections on the 28th Sunday Ordinary Time 24B.

Mass: Wisdom 7:7-11; Psalm: 89; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-27.

Today is about the Word and putting it into practice. Wisdom is personified almost as a lover or a bride. It is an invitation to enter into a personal relationship. Our psalm tells us that wisdom comes from the heart. Remember that in the Bible the heart is also the place of decision and commitment. Hebrews reminds us that God's Word is powerful. Throughout the Old Testament the prophetic word did not just foretell what the future would bring but would also make it happen, hence the constant death threats on those who spoke the prophetic word. In Mark Jesus reminds the man of great wealth of the Word, to be exact, the ten words or the Decalogue. He then invites the man to respond to the Word by letting go of the things that hold him in place and following him. Wealth is not the issue but rather all the things that constitute wealth, everything that we hold on to in this life. Following Jesus means letting go and trusting the Word, the Incarnate Word.