

Thoughts on the Daily Word

5th Week of Lent. Friday 11th April. Readings: Jeremiah 20:10-13; Psalm: 17; John 10:31-42.

Once again, the rhythm changes and we hit the ground running. Jesus is faced with stoning. Imagine a crowd gathering stones and heading in your direction! Jesus retreats to the far side of the Jordan, back to where it all began for him on the Jordan with John. Perhaps this is what he needs to gather his strength, knowing that stoning will not be his end but that something worse will happen. He goes back to the desert in the sense that all of us have been journeying through Lent. Jesus knows who he is, but he needs to lead others to discover who they truly are. The Exodus, our Exodus, is a journey to discover just who we are. That journey will require our own letting go in obedience to the Father. We too will need to surrender this life to begin again the new life of Easter. This is the challenge of all those facing Baptism, but it remains a challenge for us who have been reborn, just how to remain faithful to that rebirth.