

(Food for thought: Gospel: Mark 13: 24-32)

## **“Look to the signs”**



“No one knows the day nor the hour.” Although it is not pleasant to reflect on all of these images, it's important for us to do so.

Being a disciple implies that one has to make hard choices: we will not always get what we want; we may find ourselves at odds with others who do not share our values.

Jesus lived His life fully, celebrating each moment, each encounter, and each relationship with joy. He embraced human experience, drank deeply of human emotions, was nourished and comforted by human love. But He was always looking into the eyes of His

Father. He was always conscious of the circle of His human existence, leading Him from God back to God.

We need look at our lives, and how open we are to His presence within them. We need to be attentive to the signs of His presence around us. We are to bear faithful witness to the Gospel by our lives of prayer, worship and unselfish love. We need to focus on how His words affect our day-to-day lives and our relationships with one another.

So, let's look to the signs: not in terms of destruction and tragedy, but in the joyful hope of Christ's saving Love. This is the source of the triumph that Jesus' life, death and resurrection proclaim: God cares for each of us, and is with us always - especially at our most difficult times.

As we approach the end of our liturgical year, we are again reminded that God has given us all we need to take hold of the Kingdom.

The signs are there - they are around us every day.



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