

Wisdom 2: 1, 12-22

John 7: 1-2, 10, 40-53

Today the Book of Wisdom spells out the consequence of living out a Christian life. Here, in this Old Testament Reading, we have a comparison between the Godless: Those who do not know God, don't understand and are therefore antagonistic towards those who do. They are beset by fear and react aggressively towards those who do know God. And; The God fearing, who seek to live in accordance with God's will for their lives.

The act of acknowledging God as Father can be costly, as apparent in the Gospel passage from John. Jesus is not prepared to hold back from the truth and 'cries out.' ".....there is one who sent me and I really come from him, and you do not know him..." 'They would have arrested him then, but because his time had not yet come, no one laid a hand on him.' But they would later of course, and he would experience a cruel death. But he would overcome that death and rise again! Anyone who believes and lives in Jesus will do the same.

We too are called to speak the truth and risk the cross in whatever form that might take. But, as the psalmist writes, "Many are the trials of the just man but from them all the Lord will rescue him."