

**Fifth Sunday of Lent (35)  
March 29, 2009**

**A. Common experience in meeting someone knew:**

- “Where do you live?”
- may be asked just to create conversation or out of curiosity
- may be asked because where a person lives, says a lot about who he or she is
- geography is a significant part of our identity
- **GOSPEL:** Greeks at the Passover Feast said to Philip: “Sir, we would like to see Jesus.”

**B. Here is what Philip might have said: to see Jesus you might want to go to:**

- **Cana:** you will find Jesus at wedding ... at places where people celebrate love
- ... we know the story: wine ran out
- ... only worse thing is if the sauerkraut was all consumed
- ... then at Cana we here Mary say: “Do whatever he tells you!”
- ... what does Jesus tell us
- pray: five weeks into Lent
- fast: watch your desires ... order them well
- give alms: reach out to the poor
- want to see Jesus: in all those relationships where people love one another –
- our friendships, our families, our homeless shelters

**C. Philip might have said: to see Jesus you must go to**

- **Calvary:** here is Jesus’ hour ... his total self-giving ... his glorifying the Father
- **Chaim Potok** wrote *Davita’s Harp* (1985) ... in the novel there is a nurse –
- refrain: “I have to go where the suffering is”
- Jesus is where the suffering is ... he is the one who suffers
- **HEBREWS:** “he learned obedience from what he suffered”
- “**Katrina**” a number of our people were there / a group of our people just got back from Haiti ... others this week were at wake services, visiting prisons, counseling
- want to see Jesus: read about all the people in Mt. 25

**D. Philip might have said: to see Jesus you must to the Cenacle –**

- the Cenacle is the Upper Room ... after his Resurrection, Jesus enters this upper chambers those the doors were locked / the disciples in fear and anxiety
- where is Jesus? right there is the midst of doubt, fear, discouragement
- Jesus: Peace be with you ... receive the Holy Spirit
- **JEREMIAH:** this is the same Holy Spirit who spoke through Jeremiah = “I will be their God, and they shall be my people”
- we are called to make Jesus present by taking the Eucharist we receive, and sharing God’s peace and joy with all we meet.

**E. The Greeks in the Gospel: “Sir, we would like to see Jesus.” Get thee to Cana, to Calvary, to the Cenacle ... wherever there is love, compassion, new life.**