



4th Sunday of Easter

Today's readings are a study in interpretation. They challenge us to not only absorb the facts, but to uncover the meaning of the facts; to go beyond the surface to penetrate the deeper dimensions.

In the first reading, Peter relates the facts of the healing of the cripple, and then moves to the interpretation of the cure. It is not only a restoration of physical soundness, but also one of salvation. The rejection of Christ in crucifixion is also reversed by God raising him from the dead.

In the second reading, the love of God makes us His children. But in looking to the future, we will rise toward God's glory, "for we will see him as he is."

In the Gospel, John compares the good shepherd, Christ, to the hired hands, probably the Pharisees. The "I know my own, and my own know me" the knowing effects a union among all of Jesus' followers.