

Week 19

I ask to know Jesus more intimately, love him more ardently, and follow him more closely or I ask to hear God say to me: “You are my daughter/son, my beloved; I take delight in you.”

In my own words, what I ask is . . .



“This is my own dear Son, and I am pleased with him.”

-Matthew 3:17

Reading

Brackley – 12. Humility and Solidarity pp. 105-108

We continue B’s treatment of Jesus’ way from “The Two Standards,” some of which complements Creighton’s chapter of last week.

Creighton – 19. From Nazareth to Jordan Baptism pp. 169-176

We return to contemplating the life of Jesus.

Suggestions

Re-read the paragraph starting at the bottom of p. 169-170 (This method—“contemplation”—may help me but caution is needed about some of the details offered here: in his humanity, being like us, Jesus did NOT know the future—how and when he would die).

Ponder Jesus’ baptism: he hears God’s word of unconditional love (*You are my son, my beloved; I take delight in you*—Mark 1:11). Some commentators suggest that Jesus understood this word not just for himself but for others including us, and that founded his preaching, his mission (see p. 173, top—sentence 2 and paragraph 2).

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Summing up the week: Was I surprised by anything I read or prayed or felt or experienced?

Journaling: What do I want to hold on to?

Group Meeting: From my praying the Sp. Exs. , what do I want to bring to the group?