

Lens to See the Son Third Week of Easter Wednesday, May 8, 2019 Acts 8:1b-8;
Jn 6:35-40 (The faithful)

“For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day.”

So this is the promise that is at the base, the foundation, of the gospel, that God’s desire is for everyone to see the Son and believe in him. Now this will not happen all by itself. **How are people going to see the Son?** If I may remind you, yesterday the text said, “You are not following me because you have seen signs but because you had your fill of the loaves.” Now the loaves were the sign, but the crowd didn’t see them as a sign; it took them for themselves, loaves of bread to feed their stomachs.

And so the world can look at the Son, but not see the Son. The world could look at Jesus as maybe a really good man. That’s not seeing him as the Son and believing in him. Or the world could look at Jesus and see in him some kind of a shyster or a huckster or a deceiver. That’s even worse. **But the point is to see Jesus as the Son he has to be seen through the lens of faith, and where does the lens of faith come from? The faithful, you are the lens through which people can see Jesus as the Son and, therefore, believe in him.** Without believers acting as lens the world will not see. That’s this gospel.