October 16 & 17, 2021

Thank you ______ for reading today's passage. The question behind today's message is this: what kind of change does Jesus bring?

My wife loves to redecorate. Usually her project begins with a few new decorative pieces, but then the furniture is moved, new furniture pieces are considered, and walls are being painted. Sometimes it has turned into wall-removal and new windows.

If you are imagining the renovation of your house, do envision painting the exterior walls and maybe the interior walls, or do you imagine a new foundation, the rebuilding of the walls, a new plumbing system, new wiring, and a new roof.

If you are imagining the renovation of your life, do you imagine a few exterior alterations or a major renovation? What kind of change does Jesus bring?

- What have we left to follow Jesus?
- Who are the friends we have invited to meet Jesus?
- Do we place ourselves among the common sinners?
- Are our lives more marked by religious practice or by mercy
- Are we still bringing our own righteousness to God?
- Are we enjoying the feast of Jesus' presence?
- Have our lives been filled with new wine?

Questions for Reflection:

- What is Jesus asking you to leave in order to follow Him?
- How are you bringing your family and friends to Jesus?
- Would your family and friends say your life is more characterized by religious activity or more marked by mercy? Does anything need to change?
- Have you put out your coffee (tea) cup or have you surrendered your whole life to be filled with the new wine of Jesus?

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