

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, May 16, 2021 – Seventh SUNDAY IN EASTER

READING: 1 John 5:9-13 Common English Bible

⁹ If we receive human testimony, God's testimony is greater, because this is what God testified: he has testified about his Son. ¹⁰ The one who believes in God's Son has the testimony within; the one who doesn't believe God has made God a liar, because that one has not believed the testimony that God gave about his Son. ¹¹ And this is the testimony: God gave eternal life to us, and this life is in his Son. ¹² The one who has the Son has life. The one who doesn't have God's Son does not have life. ¹³ I write these things to you who believe in the name of God's Son so that you can know that you have eternal life.

GOSPEL: John 17:6-19 Common English Bible

17 When Jesus finished saying these things, he looked up to heaven and prayed:

⁶ "I have revealed your name to the people you gave me from this world. They were yours and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸ This is because I gave them the words that you gave me, and they received them. They truly understood that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.

⁹ "I'm praying for them. I'm not praying for the world but for those you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ Everything that is mine is yours and everything that is yours is mine; I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ I'm no longer in the world, but they are in the world, even as I'm coming to you.

Holy Father, watch over them in your name, the name you gave me, that they will be one just as we are one. ¹² When I was with them, I watched over them in your name, the name you gave to me, and I kept them safe. None of them were lost, except the one who was destined, so that scripture would be fulfilled.

¹³ Now I'm coming to you and I say these things while I'm in the world so that they can share completely in my joy. ¹⁴ I gave your word to them and the world hated them, because they don't

belong to this world, just as I don't belong to this world. ¹⁵ I'm not asking that you take them out of this world but that you keep them safe from the evil one. ¹⁶ They don't belong to this world, just as I don't belong to this world. ¹⁷ Make them holy in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ I made myself holy on their behalf so that they also would be made holy in the truth.

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