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Monday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Today the letter to the Hebrews mentions the faith of those whom we find in the Old Testament (the Hebrew Scriptures). Many of them suffered persecution but remained faithful to God. We hope in the Lord, as the Psalm says, and God hears us when we cry out to Him. Jesus travels into pagan territory, where he meets a man possessed by “many” demons whose name is Legion. Jesus expels the demons to save this man but in doing so, he destroys the livelihood of the swine-herders, who lose their entire herd. What is more important: to save the soul of a man, created in the image and likeness of God, or to save someone’s livelihood? We should learn from Jesus’ action. If that were you or I who were tormented by many demons, wouldn’t we be grateful to be liberated so as to lead a normal life? The man is made new and wants to follow Jesus, obviously in gratitude. But Jesus tells him: “Go home to your family and announce to them all that the Lord in his pity has done for you.” He obeys and does just that “and all were amazed.”

God Love You!

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