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Friday of the Second Week of Easter

It takes spiritual maturity and above all, God's grace, to be like the Apostles, "rejoicing that they had been found worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name (i.e., the name of Jesus). It is also heartening to see the wisdom of the Pharisee Gamaliel. He has the courage to speak to the Sanhedrin in a different light about the Apostles and their proclamation of Jesus: "For if this endeavor or this activity is of human origin, it will destroy itself. But if it comes from God, you will not be able to destroy them; you may even find yourselves fighting against God." The Church continues to fulfill Jesus' words up to the present time. "The gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18). "And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). It is not about us but about Jesus, who finds those who follow Him worthy in every age to "suffer dishonor for the sake of the name". The Carthusian motto below says it all: "The cross stands while the world revolves."

God Love You!

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