

Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Lent

Gospel text (Jn 8:31-42): Jesus said to those Jews who believed in him, "...you will truly be my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."



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Today we hear an of the phrases from Jesus that St. John Paul II liked best: «the truth will set you free». There is much talk about freedom. Everyone wants it! But, do we know what really means to "be free"? For many it is the equivalent of "doing as one likes", without limits. But... Jesus is not selling us such a whimsical freedom; Jesus Christ relates freedom truth. Jesus-Godwe was infinitely free, and there we see Him: nailed, immobilized in the Cross, serene, apologizing for our offenses.

—Can you guess what freedom is useful for? To love, not to "play". Whoever spends his life by playing, ends up by being slave of the play.