

Monday, 14 December 2020 – Weekly Inspiration from Rev. Jason

The religious leaders of Jesus' time didn't get it...they couldn't fully comprehend what Jesus was trying to help them understand, even though it was in line with what they had always dreamed of. They couldn't comprehend that, in Jesus' teachings, ministry, healings, and even in his life, the fullness of Life was now within their reach.

Being questioned yet again, Jesus tried (again) to open their eyes to see, by saying to them, "I have come that they [read: you, and everyone else in the world & time] may have life, and have it abundantly!" (John 10:10).

In my opinion, this is the fullness of Jesus' purpose: to bring rich, meaningful, abundant life to all the world, in every time and place. In his own life, Jesus brings us life, and more than that a life that previously was unattainable. Now, as the fullness of God enters into the fullness of humanity, such a life - full, meaningful, abundant, purposeful - is not just a possibility but a reality.

The religious leaders of Jesus' time didn't get it; sometimes I wonder if I do, either. Probably not. But I at least know that in the birth of Jesus, something more has been opened, and that with the grace of God to lead me (and to lead us all), it is even something to be realized. As we continue to prepare in this Advent season, may you be very much aware of this in your own hearts, as well.

Prayer: Lord, thank you for the life that you bring into the world. Help me to not only look for, but live into your abundance, for the glory of your kingdom and the joy of all those I know. Amen.