

## THE GLANCES OF CHRIST

### GENERAL COMMENTS:

This is the second meditation for Thursday night (the first one in the chapel). It is part of preparing for a deepening of the pilgrims' personal relationship to Christ; a part of a night of self-examination. It will begin the event of their first long look at the crucifix. The focus will be on (1) the reality of the pilgrims being responsible before Christ and (2) on Christ's "look of understanding love."

### Outline

In this meditation the dominant thought should be the love of Christ, the understanding love of Christ. **THAT** is what we can expect in an encounter with the Lord. This thought is illustrated by the two examples of the rich young man and Peter.

#### I. The Rich Young Man - Mark 10:17-29

After reading the scripture aloud, highlight these points:

1. This man is like most of us for the most part in trying to live a decent life.
2. Jesus looked at him and loved him.
3. The prescription for him particularly (sell all that you have and...) was the cross, and it may also be for us particularly focused.
4. The barriers to following Jesus for us (fear of unknown, attachments to the world, etc.) are as they were for the Rich Young Man.
5. Repeat # 2 above.

#### II. Peter - Luke 22:31-34 and John 21:15-17

After reading the scripture aloud, highlight these points:

1. Peter is a committed, dedicated, loving follower.
2. He fails the test because he trusted in his own efforts and intentions, as we do.
3. Jesus turns and looks at Peter "in love."
4. Peter weeps and repents; he will be restored.
5. Repeat # 3 above, particularly the restoration of Peter as recorded in John.

Close with the words regarding the crucifix being with them through the night and tomorrow, as a figure of understanding, forgiving love.