

## **STARK WARNING BY JESUS TO THOSE WHO REJECT HIM**

In [today's](#) Gospel (Mt 10:26-33), Jesus tells us not to be afraid of God, who brings death to the body, but to be afraid of the devil, who brings death to the soul. Jesus is asking His faithful to trust Him and in His plan for our salvation. He knows everything about us, even **the hairs of our head are all numbered, meaning that each hair has exercised the care and attention of God, and in turn, He is telling us that we are way more valuable than a hair. He wants us to be aware that each one of us warrant more attention and care than a hair or a bird. Now that we know this, He is asking us not to disown Him. This reveals His perfect knowledge of each and every one of us, so we should have no reason to be afraid in this life, but to trust in Him.** We will have nothing to fear on the day of Judgement, if we do not disown Him and remain faithful to His teachings here in this world. He promises to look after His faithful in the next world. However, He makes it very clear, that if we do disown Him now, then He will disown us, when we need Him to get us into Heaven. God knows the secrets of our hearts, as nothing is hidden from Him. So, again, He asking us to rely on Him, as a child does with a parent. He informs us how much He cares for us and even knows when a sparrow falls from the sky, so He knows when we sin and when we disown Him in the presence of each other.

## **LOVE CONQUERS FEAR**

The devil instils fear into the soul, so it becomes spiritually dead, disowning God and His Church. Fear is a result of forgetting our deepest identity as Children of God, who, as our Father, asks us to put aside our own freewill, in placement of His Divine Will. Love of God conquers fear. As children, while adhering to a responsible way of living, we must never lose sight, of the reality that God is watching us all the time. We must believe that God is in control, even if everything around us appears to be in chaos. If we forget this, then we begin to live for ourselves and not for Him.

## **FAITH CONQUERS FEAR**

As committed disciples, we are duty bound to proclaim and live by the Gospel of Truth and Love, fearlessly and confidently. We may be tempted to abandon our commitment, but that decision will not equate with good standing in the next Life. *Be not Afraid, trust in Me and My Plan of Salvation for you*, says the Lord. Steadfast faith along with genuine love of Jesus will conquer all fear. Faith conquers the devil. God bless, Fr. Brendan.