



St. Gregory the Great, (540-604) is a central figure of the medieval western Church and one of the most admired Popes in history. He was known as “the Father of Christian Worship” because of his exceptional efforts in revising the Roman worship of his day.

First Reading: (1 Cor 3:18-23) Let no one deceive himself. If any one among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, “He catches the wise in their craftiness,” and again, “The Lord knows that the thoughts of the wise are futile.” So let no one boast of men. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future, all are yours; and you are Christ’s; and Christ is God’s.

Ps 23:1-6

R./ The Lord’s is the earth and its fullness.

Gospel: (Lk 5:1-11) While the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon’s, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he

sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” And Simon answered, “Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.” And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men.” And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

Reflection: “Master” and “Lord,” the use of these two words by Peter shows that the change of understanding about Jesus brings out deep transformation in the life of the believer. **Understanding Jesus as “master” brings out reverence and willingness to obey, but it does not bring out contrition or awareness of one’s sinfulness or unworthiness.** But when Peter recognized the one who is near him as the ‘Lord’, he was in tears. How do you understand Jesus? Is He a master, teacher, social reformer, a good person? Or Is He the Lord of your life?