

A weekly reflection by members of the Precious Blood Community

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"He was amazed at their lack of faith" (Mark 1:6)



Jesus questions the widely held belief that holiness is determined by rituals and outward acts.

According to his teachings, genuine contamination originates from the heart rather than from what enters the body. We are reminded that sin originates inside, in our thoughts, intents, and immoral acts, which include wicked ideas, stealing, murder, adultery, and more. Jesus exhorts us to cleanse our inner selves by probing the deepest corners of our souls. He reminds us that a changed heart cannot be replaced by any external observance. God wants a change of heart, but the Pharisees were too focused on outward purity to realize this. I am reminded that our hearts, thoughts and what we portray to the world are what makes us holy, it is within ourselves.

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