

Week 7 - Be careful who you put on a Pedestal



Can you name the famous people honoured in the following statues?

1. If you could have a statue commissioned who would you put on it? (You cannot say Jesus!)
2. Can you think of someone who has been able to subvert history towards the poor and the oppressed rather than the rich and famous? (You cannot say Jesus!)
3. What does it mean to hunger and thirst for righteousness today?
4. How might we courageously make other peoples problems our problems? What shared experience does the group have about the issues this raises ?

Matthew 5 The Beatitudes

He said:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness,
for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of
righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute
you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you
because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is
your reward in heaven, for in the same way they
persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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Prayer

God to enfold me,
God to surround me,
God in my speaking,
God in my thinking.

God in my sleeping,
God in my waking,
God in my watching,
God in my hoping.

God in my life,
God in my lips,
God in my soul,
God in my heart.

God in my sufficing,
God in my slumber,
God in mine ever-living soul,
God in mine eternity.

(Ancient celtic oral traditions - carmina gadelica)

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