

# Lenten Reflection

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## GOD'S TIME AND WAY

Today's Gospel draws us to take heart and believe in the power of waiting in faith for the when and how of God's time and way to be revealed. Living in this manner is downright paradoxically absurd, yet magnetic. As it was for Jesus' contemporaries, the paradox continues to this day. What is our 2017 response to this Gospel paradox? Is it so absurd that we end up half-believing or giving up because of what confronts us every day in our church, world, country, community, family, self? Or, is the magnetism of Jesus' truth so compelling that we simply have to be drawn more deeply into that transforming power of waiting in faith for the when and how of God's time and way to be revealed?

Ponder Jesus today in his exchange with the leaders of his time:

*"When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will realize that I AM, and that I can do nothing on my own, but I say only what the Father taught me. The one who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, because I always do what is pleasing to him."*

- John 8: 28-29

Now, stand in solidarity with the Pharisees and onlookers in this Gospel moment. Is this difficult exchange one that is just too absurd for you, or is it one that lures you to deepened faith? The grace of the Gospel is available to each of us. The choice to step forward in trust to receive that grace is ours. Even in these chaotic times in which we live, may we choose to step forward in trust into God's time and way!

