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"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill."

The words of Jesus in today's Gospel were radical for his time. While Jesus showed deep respect for Jewish law and the prophets, he also made it known that his teachings were the culmination of all that had come before. Love your enemies; pray for those who persecute you; love your neighbor as yourself. These action statements challenged the people of Jesus' time and still challenge us today.

Our world is a complex place to say the least. We are more connected than ever before through technology to news in our own community, the nation and the world. Some news is full of hope, love and joy while some news is full of despair, hate and sadness. When you step out the door into every day, are you filled with the teachings of Jesus? If you are his disciple, called to go and share the Good News with everyone you encounter, are you the living fulfillment of his radical words of love, justice and peace?

As we continue to journey through this Lenten season may our words and actions be those of Jesus who never taught us to destroy but rather to build up the kingdom of God on earth.

