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Today's Reading from the Book of Wisdom starts with the worrying proclaiming..."Short and sorrowful is our life and there is no remedy when a man comes to his end" Later it continues "Let us lie in wait for the righteous man for he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions...let us test him with insult and torture."

I'm reminded of the old saying, "Misery loves company." These people clearly mean to drag the just man down to their level. In the Gospel Reading we see Jesus (the most just and righteous man of all) proclaiming that He has been sent by GOD. The immediate reaction of the local priests is to try and arrest Him.

If we live our lives as honorably as possible, there is a very good chance that at some point the world, or people in the world, will test us and try to tear us down. At these times I try to remember what Father Gerry said in one of his recent homilies, "Christ's passion led to His Resurrection." As we are called to imitate the life of Christ to the best of our abilities, we have hope that our suffering will lead to our resurrection as well, through Him.