

Dear Friends,

*“Pay attention to what I am telling you.
The Son of Man is to be
handed over to men.”*
[Luke 9.44]

*Christ are being transformed by a
newness of mind. We are not of this
world, and the world has no affection for
us, and for good reason.*

Sincerely,
Father Beaudin

The episode preceding Jesus' warning is the healing of a boy with a demon. Then comes the second prediction of the Passion, of which this sentence is a part. Jesus is clear and precise as seen by the verse.

And the disciples are profoundly predictable. The meaning was 'hidden' from them, and they were afraid to ask what it meant. We look at it now and all is abundantly clear. But then again, we have a larger context, let alone the Lord's own life to make it apparent to us.

In that sense our understanding is a luxury and a gift. Yet we also are subject to the same lack of insight and understanding of something so obvious. Just like the disciples.

Christ is in the process of being handed over. Saint Jerome writes in this regard -

*The Son did not give himself for
our sins outside the Father's will, nor
did the Father hand over the Son without
the Son's consent. The will of the Son is
to abide by the will of the Father, as he
himself says in the Psalm, 'I desire to do
your will, my God'.*

*The son gave himself to vanquish
the unrighteousness within us by his own
righteousness, and he handed himself
over in wisdom to defeat foolishness.
Holiness personified offered itself to
erase wickedness; and strength,
feebleness.*

*Christ has freed us in the future
age, according to the promises and
hopes in which we put our trust. He also
has freed us from the present age, during
which we who have died together with*