

In today's gospel, Jesus asks his disciples: who do the crowds say that I am? The disciples are quick to assure Jesus that he is known as a great prophet or the long awaited Messiah. It sounds like the crowds are quite in tune with who Jesus is.

But today, in light of yet another shooting, this time in Orlando, who does our society say Jesus is?...What relevance does Jesus have for our times today? It is question that needs our reflection...for we are part of that society...

AND Jesus asked another question – a personal one, one that requires a response from us today. Who do you say Jesus is? Who is Jesus for you....in your life...in the midst of your own personal life's adversities....in the midst of the tragic events of Orlando? Who do you say Jesus is? This question demands our attention. It demands our prayer and our education on such issues as gun control, mental health, prejudice against the gay community, the Islamic community, and on and on. It is a complicated issue but one that we can fight over... one we must prayer over and be educated about.

I hear people saying today that prayer is just another way of not taking action. I say let us pray that we may know the next right step and live as followers of Jesus, and society will know who we say Jesus is.