Jesus said to the crowds,
“When you see a cloud rising in the west
you say immediately that it is going to rain—and so it does;
and when you notice that the wind is blowing from the south
you say that it is going to be hot—and so it is.
You hypocrites!
You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky;
why do you not know how to interpret the present time?
“Why do you not judge for yourselves what is right?
If you are to go with your opponent before a magistrate,
make an effort to settle the matter on the way;
otherwise your opponent will turn you over to the judge,
and the judge hand you over to the constable,
and the constable throw you into prison.
I say to you, you will not be released
until you have paid the last penny.”

Jesus came to usher in the Kingdom of God and this served as a wake up call for the people. It was a time to repent, a time to seek forgiveness from God and neighbor, a time to get one’s life and relationships in order. He revealed through His words and actions that the time was ripe. But for many, it was business as usual. Their very salvation was at hand and in the most normal of ways, a man. 2019 years later He is with us in His Holy Word and His Sacraments, but aren’t so many people still just too immersed in and busy with this life to notice? When will we wake up???
Food for your Journey

Only two things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity, and I’m not sure about the former.
—Albert Einstein.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear God, I find myself living life as though it will last forever. But it will not. As I scurry about each day caught up in my mundane tasks I fail to realize that You are close to me and reaching out to me in so many ways. Open my ears, my ears and my heart, Lord. I don't have to search for You because as St. Augustine once said, “You are closer to me than I am to myself.” Keep me humble in Your Presence. Amen