



(Mt. 25:40)

«Whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers or sisters, you did it to me.»

This Word of Jesus is set, like pearl, in the well-known passage of Matthew's Gospel when he tells us about the final exam at the end of our life. It summarizes for us everything that is taught in the Gospel.

Who are the people that Jesus calls "the least of his brothers and sisters?" In this passage, Jesus is referring to everyone and so he means any person who is in need or is going through a difficult time. He means all those who are hungry or thirsty, who need clothing or shelter, those who are sick or in prison. But it is not difficult to extend the list to millions of people who are poor and suffering in the world today, and who implore, even in silence, our help.

These are the ones Jesus calls his family, his brothers and sisters with whom he is profoundly united. Let's start immediately to recognize Jesus in everyone around us.

Let's not miss any opportunity to do an act of love, especially for those most in need, like those who are hungry, homeless, sick, unemployed, rejected, drug-addicts or anyone we get to know about day by day in our cities and even in other countries.

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