

## 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time B Homily

Jesus has made claims that can be understood only in terms of his origins: a descent *from his Father above*. His opponents will not consider such a possibility; they know his father Joseph.

Moses had warned the murmuring people of Israel, “Your complaints are not against us, but against the Lord” (Exodus 16:8). Jesus repeats this process as he reproaches the murmuring of “the Jews” (v. 43) by pointing to the Father, and explaining his role in terms of his origins with the Father. The Father sends Jesus, the Father draws believers to him, and the response of those drawn to the revelation of the Father in the Sent One will be the measure of their everlasting life. It is Jesus who will raise up the believer on the last day. While God determines the process, the encounter between the human being and the revelation of God in Jesus determines life, death, and everlasting life. This is only possible because Jesus is not the son of Joseph but the Son of the Father.