

JUBILEE OF MERCY

EXCUSE

In Luke's Gospel, as Jesus is being crucified, he reveals the divine depths of his mercy. He forgives those who are nailing him to the cross. Even more than forgiving them, as Saint Aelred of Rievaulx points out, he excuses them.

He gives them an excuse—their ignorance. The reach of God's mercy is astonishing. *“Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”* (Luke 23:34)



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