

Deacon's Beacons

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Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.” Matthew 18:21–22

The number seven here is significant. Peter uses it to take the level of forgiveness to what is considered perfect. Jesus said that even that, following human standards, is not enough. God has higher standards. That is why Jesus raises it to seventy-seven times. It is the hyperbole of Divine perfection. It is what we are supposed to aspire to reach. We will not make it in this life but we must continue to try to improve and increase our ability to forgive, particularly when we wish to seek the forgiveness of God for our offenses.

Resurrexit sicut dixit!

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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