

**Sept 30<sup>th</sup> ---26<sup>th</sup> Sunday.**

“Anyone who is the downfall of any of these little ones.....will be cast into Hell”( Mk. 9:38.)

This is the strongest condemnation of Jesus for those who have sinned in this way. It would seem there was no mercy for them in their crimes.

The passage begins innocently enough by John complaining (he often did !) about someone not of their gang, doing marvelous works. Jesus was not thrown by this, but complimented the other wonder worker for their faith .Not everyone wears the same uniform, but as long as they live peacefully without preventing Jesus’ message from spreading, then they are pleasing to God.

Those severe words which followed apply to today’s scenario in the Church and in the world.