

Bubba was hired by a rather large company here in Gainesville to be their new general manager. He had been to several interviews and got along well with the human resources division, and he was supposed to meet with the president of the company on his first day there. He arrived early, and found an attractive, middle-aged woman in the reception area looking through a file.

“Good morning,” Bubba said. “I’m Bubba, and I am the new manager here.”

“Good morning,” the woman said. “I’m Darleen.”

“Great to meet you,” Bubba said. “Listen, I’m meeting with the president this morning, and I’d like to get prepared. Would you mind getting me a cup of coffee? Black? Thanks.”

Darlene looked a little puzzled, but she laid down the file and went for the coffee.

After his preparation and coffee, Bubba came to the reception area, and asked which office was D.J. Hill’s, the president. He was given the office number and simple instructions. Can you imagine the look on Bubba’s face when he walked into D.J. Hill’s office and found Darleen sitting behind the desk?

I know I have done it, and I am willing to bet everyone has done it sometime: feel like we are the most important person there, only to discover we are really insignificant. In today’s gospel, the apostles are not only doing that, they are ignoring the Words of Jesus while they are bickering about who is most important. When we are focusing on our own importance, we are always ignoring the teachings of Christ.

The way we accept Christ is when we think like the child Jesus brought into their midst. The child could do no more than simply accept Jesus. That is what we need to do: accept Christ with no preconceived notions, no prerequisites, simply accept Christ.