

AT HOME WITH GOD'S MYSTERY

For well over twenty centuries, theologians have tried very hard to unravel God's mystery and have spoken of various interpersonal relationships that could exist between the divine persons of the Holy Trinity. This attempt, of course, is a legitimate effort inspired by the love of God himself.

Jesus, however, does not act that way. From his own divine nature, God invites his followers to relate to Him in a trusting way as God the Father, follow in the footsteps of God His Son and allow ourselves to be guided and inspired by the Spirit. It is, in a way, an invitation to open ourselves to God's mystery.

First of all, therefore, Jesus invites his followers to live like sons and daughters of a true Father, to whom we can all relate as a loving Father. What really characterises this Father is not his power and strength, but his kindness and infinite compassion. Nobody should feel alone. We all have a Father who understands, loves and forgives us as no one else can. Jesus has revealed to us that his Father has a plan in his heart.

He wants to build, with all his sons and daughters, a world which will be more humane and friendly, in justice and solidarity. Jesus calls this world "the *kingdom of God*" and he invites everyone to join this project of his Father, by seeking a more just and fair living for everyone, beginning with the poorest, the helpless, and orphans.

At the same time, Jesus invites all his followers to trust also in him: "*Don't let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God and believe in me.*" He is the Son of God, a living image of his Father. His words and his gestures reveal to us his Father's love for us. Hence, he invites us to follow him. He will teach us to follow and trust completely in his Father's project.

With this band of followers, Jesus wants to form a new family in which everyone will seek "*to fulfil his Father's will.*" This is his last will and testament on earth before his departure: a family of brothers and sisters dedicated to the service of the least and the poorest. This *family* is a symbol and an inspiration for the *new kingdom* of His Father.

To attain all this, we need to welcome the Holy Spirit who inspires the Father and his Son Jesus. "*You will receive the Holy Spirit who will come over you, and you will be my witnesses.*" This Spirit is the love of God, the inspiration shared by the Father and the Son; the strength, the vital energy that will make all his followers be witnesses and workers in the *new kingdom* and project of the Holy Trinity.

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