

Rectoría San Juan de Dios
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Acts 6, 1-7; Ps 33; 1 Pt 2, 4-9; Jn 14, 1-12
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Let Us Take the Way

For many of us, it is difficult to understand how God is a community of persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We also have difficulty accepting that Jesus has prepared *a place* for us in heaven. But we have only to listen to the farewell discourses of Jesus to be persuaded that what is important is not to understand these mysteries of God rationally, but only to dare to live them, *making our way with Jesus*.

If we follow him from our temporal realities, it is sure that we will arrive at the eternal realities. This is the proposal that Jesus makes to His disciples in the Gospel today.

We can imagine the expressions on the faces of His disciples when He made these revelations to them: He would see them limited in their comprehension and would understand that they were not prepared to comprehend the universe of love that He was bringing to them.

When Jesus says: “*I am the way, the truth and the life*” and that the way to the Father must be through Him, we have to understand the Way as *practicing love*; the Truth as *identifying with Jesus* because the full reality of man and God is found in Him; and the Life as *living in loyalty to God more than in compliance with the law*. Jesus

is the itinerary that brings us to fulfillment and that is enough.

To make our way with Jesus means entering into the Sacrament of the Father that is Jesus.¹ It is thanks to the sacramentality of Christ that the disciples will be able to do the works of Jesus and even greater.

In addition, to make our way with Jesus means deciding to live life according to His teaching, a life in which nothing is secure. We make our way with Jesus, but at the same time it is our own path, one that takes on meaning from the freedom of renouncing my own self in order to enter into the mystery of love. As Jesus tells us, if we lose our own life, we will truly find ourselves. (cf. Lk 17, 33)

Let us try three approaches for making our way with Jesus:

1-Let us open our horizons.

The Judeo-Christian disciples need to discern what would benefit the mission that Christ has entrusted to them. They open themselves to the demands of the Greek disciples, as we hear in the first reading. This involves making their way together in apostolic unity, discerning the way as a community.

¹ If Jesus shows us the Father: "*Whoever sees me, sees the Father,*" it is because the fathomless mystery of God is contained in Him. As sacrament of the Father, He makes present to us His salvific power and the gifts that we need in order to enter into His community of life and love.

2-Let us hold fast to Jesus.

Only by entering into the dynamic of the strengths and responsibilities of building a spiritual temple can we take the way. The apostle Peter reminds us that we are living stones. We adhere to the cornerstone that is Christ; in Him all strengths and responsibilities converge. Adhered to Jesus, we discover that the new place of the presence of God is the human community, inspired by the Spirit. We could ask ourselves: How adhered are we to Jesus? How do I experience my strengths and responsibilities as converging in Him?

3-Let us practice love.

The way to the Father is the practice of love. This implies conforming ourselves to Jesus in His manner of love. In that way, the Father is not materially far off. To come to Him is to say to come to the place that Jesus has prepared for us. It implies occupying our place, not physical, but relational, a place of the interchange of love, of mutual presences, and of likeness to Him.