

THIS IS THE LAMB OF GOD...

The Gospel we heard this Sunday marks an important moment in the life not only of Jesus, but also of John the Baptist, who identifies him as the Lamb of God, thus revealing Jesus divine identity.

Last Sunday, with the solemn feast of the Baptism of the Lord, our Father God bore witness to Jesus. On this occasion, it is John the Baptist who bears witness to the Messiah.

After Jesus baptism, in a very simple way, perhaps even seemingly unnoticed, the mission of Jesus begins the plan of salvation that our Father God has intended for each of us.

This is how faith begins, in a simple, even silent way, a God who comes to meet us.

In a chaotic society, shaken by many problems at all levels, people might ask themselves, "Where is God?" And the answer lies in Jesus, who comes to meet us on the path of life.

The entire mission of John the Baptist finds its meaning with the arrival of Jesus, but John the Baptist does not appropriate Jesus' mission; rather, he points to Jesus as the way. In a world where visibility is sought in every sense, John the Baptist becomes a witness to the light, pointing to Christ as the one who can remove the obstacle that separates us from the friendship of God: sin.

Therefore, recognizing Jesus and following him implies accepting a way of life where listening, obedience, humility, and love are essential parts of this new life project.

That is why the psalm we have heard expresses, "Here I am, Lord, to do your will," and Christ has revealed to us what the Father's will is: to live with and for love.

On this Sunday, we are invited to recognize Christ and choose him as the center of our lives, to let ourselves be won over by him, by his message of love. And once we have accepted Him, we point the way for others to find Him, thus becoming witnesses to His light.