

WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Learn and encounter Christ through His Passion



Brothers and sisters in Christ, this Holy Week invites us to wake up, listen and let ourselves be instructed. He invites us to come out of our torpor, our habits, our indifferences, our daily routine. Listening to what God tells us through the services of Holy Week, allowing ourselves to be reconciled with Him in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To be instructed is to encounter God through the face of the Crucified and Resurrected Christ.

This Holy Week invites us to encounter God through Christ. **In today's readings, many titles are used to designate Jesus: King, Lord, Servant, Rabbi, Bandit, Prophet, Messiah, Galilean, Jesus.** But three are more important than the others because they are repeated several times or located at the climax of the passion: **King of the Jews (4 times) pronounced by Pilate and the soldiers; Son of Man (3 times) title that Jesus gives Himself; Son of God by the centurion at the end of the Passion.**

King of the Jews: Jesus is the king of the Jews, he is Jewish, born into the chosen people, descendant of David, heir of the promise made to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, son of the Covenant at Sinai. To deny the Jewishness of Jesus, to profess anti-Semitism, is to deny Christ, it is blasphemy in the face of God, a negation of the Alliance of God with his chosen people and blessed by him. **Son of man: Jesus is a true man, the man as he should be. In Jesus, the New Adam, all humanity can recognize itself.** In Jesus Christ, there is no longer Jew, nor pagan, nor woman, nor man, nor slave, nor free man; there is humanity in its diversity and its unity, its universality.

Son of God: Jesus is True God, God made man. In Jesus every man becomes a child of God, every man is divinized. It is in the face of the crucified that the centurion discovers this fundamental truth: Jesus is the Son of God. **To deny the Divinity of Christ is to deny God's love for each of us, it is to deny His plan of Salvation, freedom, and happiness so that man may live the very life of God.**

So this week, let us be taught, wake up and listen. Let us go to meet Jesus, King of the Jews, Son of Man and Son of God. Perhaps we will find ourselves in this meeting?

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