## WORD FROM THE

## I want to see Jesus



The first reading presents us with an extraordinary testimony of faith. The prophet Jeremiah reveals a truly alarming failure. He denounces the infidelities of his people. This, in a way, canceled the Sinai alliance. But when everything goes wrong, the prophets do not say that all is lost. On the contrary, they find new reasons to hope. They bear witness to a God who will always find a way to change the hearts of the human person.

We Christians today easily lament the loss of values. We have very harsh words about young people who no longer have any bearings. But we forget that it was our society that brought them into this situation. It is then that we must rehear this call from Christ: "Repent and believe in the Gospel." From the moment we are baptized, and we have joined Christ, everything changes in our life. We have been immersed in this Ocean of Love which is in God Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The world cannot understand all this, but the important thing is that we attach ourselves to Him who is "the Way, the Truth and the Life."

The Gospel announces to us the fulfillment of this prophecy of Jeremiah. With Jesus, it is this New Alliance that is being concluded, not only for the people of Israel, but also with the multitude of all countries and all times. It begins with these Greeks who begin to see Jesus. They are looking for Light since they are there to worship God.

"We would like to see Jesus." This is a prayer we can make our own. And it is precisely to meet him that we gather at church. We have the firm certainty that He is the "Light" that enlightens men. He is the only "Way" that leads us to the Father. He is the "Door" that brings the sheep into the fold. With Him, we can no longer be content to live the way the world does. Anyone who really met Him can say: "He changed my life." This Jesus that we would like to see is also alongside those who engage in the fight against poverty, war, selfishness, and all ideas that go against the Values of Christ.

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