

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

11th of December 2022 - Cycle A



GO AND TELL



WHAT YOU HAVE SEEN AND HEARD

SETTING

Every day I wonder Lord, How and where to find you. Every day I wait for you in the events of life, of things and in people. Make me able to discover you in the small, in the simple, in the spontaneous, in what comes out to meet. I want to praise and bless you, serve you in everything.

On this path of Advent, walking, sharing, taking care of ourselves, allows us to stop, to look at ourselves and thus find ourselves, to become more aware of who we are, what we are looking for, how we live... with what style of being ourselves, of being with others, of being with our Common Home.

Blessed are those who do not scandalize nor are scandalized by me. Blessed are those who discover in everyday life the possibility of being better, of doing better, of being witnesses. Blessed are those

who discover that by giving themselves they build the Kingdom. Blessed are those who are moved by love.

SONG. Jesus prince of peace– Richard Cootes.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UaWX-k11GWo>

"John, who was in prison, heard of the works of Christ, so he sent his disciples to ask him: "Are you the one who is to come, or do we have to wait for another?" Jesus answered them: "Go and tell John what you are hearing and seeing: the blind see, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and Good News reaches the poor. And blessed is he for whom I am not a cause of scandal!" Once the messengers had left, Jesus began to speak to the people about John: "When you went into the desert, what were you going to see? A reed shaken by the wind? What were you going to see? A man with fine clothes? Those who wear fine clothes live in palaces. So what did they go to see? A prophet? Yes, and believe me, more than a prophet. This is the man of whom the scripture says: I am going to send my messenger before you, so that he may go before you, opening the way for you. That he." I tell you: among the sons of women there has not been one greater than John the Baptist, and yet the least in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than him."

We deepen the Gospel

Last Sunday, the Gospel presented us with John the Baptist baptizing in the Jordan all those who came to him. John the Baptist has recognized in Jesus the Messiah that everyone expected. The month goes by. John the Baptist is taken in the prison by order of Herod. From this moment precisely, Jesus truly begins to preach. But for a prophet, Jesus is not exactly an ascetic! John the Baptist was and everyone admired at least this quality of his.

Surely in the John Baptist prison he heard about what was happening outside: it must be borne in mind that in the prisons of the time the relations were not, in principle, inhuman. One can therefore imagine that the disciples kept him informed of the facts and gestures of Jesus the Nazarene. To such an extent that John the Baptist asked questions about Jesus: Have I not mistaken Messiah?

John decides to send his disciples to Jesus to ask him a question: Are you the Messiah, yes or no?

To the Baptist's question, Jesus does not answer yes or no. Rather, he quotes the prophecies that everyone knew and John the Baptist knew too, Jesus tells him: check, yourself, if what I do is right. Which is equivalent to saying: yes, I am the Messiah, the true Son of God. You have not been wrong. But if my way of acting surprises or shocks you, it is because you still have to discover the True Face of God... God with human beings and at the service of humanity. And Jesus ends his answer with a few words of admiration for the prisoner: And blessed is he for whom I am not a reason for scandal! John Baptist with his question shows that he has not lost confidence. He has faith, and he asks Jesus to help him to understand. Blessed are those who do not fall even when beset by doubt!

Imaginative Contemplation

- I read the gospel serenely, imagine the moment, the situation, I listen to the words of Jesus, I keep them in my memory and I listen to them again.
- What does an experiment tells me? What answer do I get within me?
- I make a gesture of gratitude, of conversion.

AMBIENTAL MUSIC.

SICAR, cansado del camino – ANDRÉS TEJERO

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p55aOgRCj_c

**YOU INSPIRE MY LIFE
TO LIVE THE ADVENT WITH HOPE**

THE LORD LOVES

The God who loves us cares for us
And protects us, is the one who comes.

He arrives in each one of us.
Let us prepare the new coming.
The Lord loves every creature,
May my life be cared for others.
The Lord listens
May my life echo the sound.
The Lord looks.
May my eyes be an open windows,
Who let life pass.
The Lord stands before each person.
May my gesture be dedicated to welcome.
The Lord heals.
May my life be a balm that calms the pain.
The Lord raises.
May my life lift up the fallen and raise life.
The Lord carries on his back.
May my life hold and not break.
The Lord accompanies.
Let my life walk slowly
Together with the others and is interested
In the now and the after.
The Lord welcomes and empowers.
May my life not discriminate against anyone.
The Lord loves you
That you may also love each other.
Thank you Lord, you love
And you enable us to give life,
Come Lord.

SONG. AWAKEN AND PREPARE US - SUNDAY CHOIR

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2X5nzx3xfJg>



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