



## XXI Sunday 27th of August 2023 - Cycle A



### YOU PRONOUNCE MY NAME



### SETTING

Listen to the life that springs up around you, in each person, in each detail, in each circumstance.

Know who you are, not who people say, but what you say, from that experience that springs from your life; that is the source of your answer, your life.

Everything that surrounds me is part of the life that I have to live, but not everything helps me to grow. Distinguish between one thing and another and walk on the path, free of prejudice, anger, absurd resentment. Walk loving, welcoming, building, healing, raising and recognizing the person, their essence, their dignity, their place.

You are the Messiah, Son of the living God.

### SONG.

You are the King of glory – Chet velly church

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6C0-dkK8cnQwww>

## **GOSPEL – Mathew 16, 13-20**

“Arriving in the region of Caesarea Philippi, Jesus asked his disciples: “What do people say that I am? They answered him: “Some say that you are John the Baptist; others, Elijah; and others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets». «And you, he asked them, who do you say I am?»”

Taking the floor, Simon Peter replied: "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonas, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you: You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the power of Death will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

Then he severely ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah."

### **To deepen the message of the Word of God**

It can be said with certainty that, in the eyes of Matthew, this episode of Caesarea constitutes a turning point in the life of Jesus, because just after this conversation, Matthew adds: “From this moment, Jesus Christ began to demonstrate to his disciples that it was necessary to go to Jerusalem, suffer much because of the Elders, the Priests and the scribes, go through death and rise again on the third day.” The expression "from this moment on" means, without a doubt, that a stage had been passed.

One stage is over, but, at the same time, and this is the most surprising thing in this parable, nothing new is said in it! Jesus attributes the title of Son of man to himself, which he has already done nine times in the Gospel of Matthew; and Peter attributes the title of Son of God to him and it is not the first time he has done it! First title, "Son of man": an expression taken directly from the book of Daniel, in chapter 7. When Jesus applies this title of Son of man to himself, he presents himself as if he were at the head of the people of God. The second title given to him in this story is "Son of God." In the language of the time, this was exactly synonymous with "Messiah-King." This expression refers back to the end of the episode of the march on the waters which tells us how the disciples,

who remained in the boat, prostrated themselves before Jesus and said to him: "Truly, you are the Son of God." The novelty in what happens in Caesarea is that Peter emits that expression, but not in front of a manifestation of power from Jesus who, upon hearing it, answers: "It is not flesh or blood that has revealed this to you, that is: you did not find it yourself, but my Father who is in heaven." God reveals himself, not as a God of power and majesty, but as love delivered into the hands of men.

And as soon as Peter discovers who Jesus is, Jesus sends him on a mission in favour of the Church: "You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church" which will be his body and which will constitute, with him, the total Christ, the people of saints of the God of the heights of which the prophet Daniel spoke. And on what does Christ build his Church? About the person of a man whose virtue consists in having listened to what the Father had revealed to him, which expresses very well, how the only pillar of the Church is faith in Jesus Christ.

Last reason that gives us full security: Jesus says: "I will build my Church. Only Jesus builds his Church. We are not in charge of building it, but rather of listening to what the living God wants to reveal to us. *(Marie-Noëlle Thabut)* And because it is the risen Christ, Son of the living God, who builds, we can be sure that "the power of death will be powerless against her." *(Marie-Noëlle Thabut)*

### Clues for prayers

- What kind of messianism of Jesus does the passage tell us about?
- Who is Jesus for you?
- -What does Jesus of Nazareth call you the "Son of God"?

## AMBIENTAL MUSICL



### DAYBREAK - JUSTIN BIANCO

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IqZ4nIcFbBM>

## I HEAR MY NAME

Who do you say that I am?  
The Messiah,  
Christ,  
The Anointed one  
That experience  
do you have from me?  
I am the one who heals, heals  
and lift.  
That our life  
be our answer.  
listen, look,  
get up and  
start walking towards an  
Echo life.  
Walk in directions  
diverse.  
Open your hands.  
Breathe the air that  
It involves the realities.  
Let yourself go  
for the heart  
Light up life.

Hospitality on the roads,  
the way of walking  
build projects,  
Have an open look  
towards the horizon world  
I ask you Jesus  
for our lives.  
Teach us to listen  
look, understand,  
free from prejudice  
teach us to love.  
Samaritan hospitality  
teach us to welcome  
to those who suffer.  
teach us to be door  
and let in.  
Teach us to pray  
with the life.  
Hear our name  
pronounce yours  
From, in and to  
life.

**SONG. Oh come to the fountain of life: By NYCYPD**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vB5EwL36X8>



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