

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER
1st of May 2022. Cycle C



DO YOU LOVE ME?



LORD YOU KNOW EVERYTHING

SETTING

Easter advances, advances the path and the encounter with the Risen One.

Do you love me? Do you love me? Do you love me? These or similar questions, life asks us.

From love everything becomes different, because the gaze changes and becomes more penetrating; because they change the gestures that are softened in the experience of the encounter; because the steps that approach and transform the distance into nothing are advanced.

In the follow-up, between lights and shadows, the depth of a simple man who went through the world doing good is outlined. You call me to continue following and enter the shadow of love that reaches, life experiences that become pure danced melody.

SONG. STEP BY STEP I WILL FOLOW YOU – Just me

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ElfjVnYP5N8>

GOSPEL – John 21, 1-19

"After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the sea of Tiberias and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas, called the Twin, Nathanael, the one from Cana of Galilee, the ones from Zebedee and others were together two of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them: "I am going fishing." They said to him: "We also will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, Children you have no fish, have you?" They answered: "No." Jesus said to them "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter: "It is the Lord", When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, -for he was naked and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it and and bread. Jesus said to them: "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them: "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him: "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter: "Simon of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him: "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him: "Feed my lambs. "A second time he said to him "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him: "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him: "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time: "Simon son of John do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time: "Do you love me?" And he said to him: "Lord, you know everything; you know I love you." Jesus said to him: "Feed my sheep. " Very truly, I tell you, when you were young you girded yourself and went where you wanted; but when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him "Follow me."

We deepen the text

We find ourselves, again, facing a story of the appearance of the Risen Jesus. The word "appearance" should not mislead us, it would be better to say "manifestation." That is right; Jesus does not come from a place to immediately disappear. Jesus is there, close to his disciples and close to us too. He said it and has fulfilled it: "I will be with you until the end of the world" (Mt. 28:20). Jesus remains invisible but he is not absent. Another slightly strange detail: When they leave on the shore of the sea, the disciples find a fish and bread on the coals. Despite this, Jesus asks them to bring fish from the ones they have just caught. Can you think that was not enough? We cannot be content with this arithmetical explanation. Rather, it must be deduced that in the work of evangelization Jesus precedes us, but, at the same time, he asks for our collaboration.

Another surprise in this text is the dialogue between Jesus and Peter: in the same way that, during the night from Thursday to Friday, Peter affirms three times that he does not know this man, Jesus also questions him three times: infinite delicacy of Jesus who allows Peter to erase the triple negative. Let us observe that, each time, Jesus relies on this commitment, on this adherence of Peter, to entrust him with the mission of the community: "Feed my sheep". Let us understand that our relationship with Christ has no meaning, nor is it true if it is not carried out in the context of a mission at the service of others. Jesus clearly specifies "my" sheep: With this, Peter feels invited to share the burden of the Master. Peter does not become the "owner" of the flock, but the fact of taking care of it in the name of Christ will allow him to verify his love for Jesus.

The place occupied by Peter in the story of the appearance of Christ that John offers us, may be surprising. Actually, this may be a reflection of one of the problems of the early Christian communities. We must believe that it was not useless to remind the community clinging to the memory of John, that the will of Christ was, from the beginning, that the pastor of the universal Church be Peter and not John.

Is this a discreet appeal to those in authority? Possibly since authority, in any domain, is entrusted to us, it is, first, a requirement! Accepting a pastoral charge implies a lot of love!!

Clues for the Prayers

What does the text say? (Reading)

What is God telling me with this text? (Meditation)

How do I dialogue with God with what the text tells me? (Sentence)

How do I feel the presence of God in my life? (Contemplation)

How do I put into practice the message of the word of God in my real life? (Action)

BELIEVE TO CREATE _____

AMBIENTAL MUSIC. AMBIENT AND SERENE MUSIC

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C5zsDu48CVw>

FOLLOW ME

It is the way to Easter
to which the Lord invites us.
Do you love me? Do you love me? You love me?
How many times will I hear it!
Let the question spark my life
and get going.
Sing your wonders
dance the calm.
That the Lord looks at you,
whisper your name and a word,
Follow me with your eyes
and it falls into account
that faith elevates the spirit
and the soul.
Follow his footsteps,
spread your print.
Today I want to sing life
that is played on words.
Accept what you
strengthens and launches you.
The silent life sings
the life that screams and
that calls for calm.
Get on your way from
dawn to evening,
accept the facts,
words and faces that draw
pauses, sometimes forced,
marked that hurt.
Open your hands to the way
proposed by that
that gives it all
experience counts
in the meeting friend.
You know everything
you know I love you.

SONG –FEED MY LAMBS BY JOHN ANGOTTO

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nXwhYefjiK0>

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