

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD



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The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Lectionary: 164

Gospel [in 3:16-18](#)

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

Spiritual Reflection

Scott Hahn in his book: *First Comes Love: Finding Your Family in the Church and the Trinity* has the following to say about the Holy Trinity. "These two revolutions in religious thought—that a man can be a child of God and that God is a Trinity—constitute the core doctrine of Christianity. Jesus revealed both teachings exclusively in the language of the family, and the theology of Jesus Christ is inconceivable in any but familial terms. Apart from family language there would be no revolution, there would be no Christianity."

Spiritual Question

1. What does the term "Trinity" mean to you?
2. How is a family like the Blessed Trinity?
3. Why did God not send His Son into the world to condemn it?
4. What does the revelation of the Blessed Trinity mean to Christianity?
5. What does the revelation of the Blessed Trinity mean to you?