



BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

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The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Lectionary: 165

Gospel Mt 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they all saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

Spiritual Reflection: "One of the most profound statements ever written about God is found in the biblical text known as the First Letter of John. The statement consists of just three simple words: "God is love" (1 John 4:8).

This verse gets to the heart of the distinctively Christian understanding of God. While the vast majority of people in the world believe there is a God, many do not believe really believe in a personal God—a God who loves us, who reveals himself to us, and who calls us to an intimate relationship with him. Rather, some view God as a vague higher power like "the force" in the movie Star Wars. Others believe in a God, but not one who really interacts in this world and is involved in our daily lives. Some think of God as a harsh judge. Still others make God in their own image, assuming God supports whatever ideas, choices and lifestyles they may have and never challenges them to change.

But the Bible offers a very different picture of God: "God is love." We will take a closer look at what this means. We will see that God himself exists as a profound communion of love, a Trinity, and that he created us out of love, and made us for his love." – Edward Sri

Spiritual Questions:

1. What does it mean to you that "God is love"?
2. How does knowing "God is love" challenge you?
3. Why did God create you?
4. How does Church life imitate God?
5. How does family life imitate God?