

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time B

*(A few words on today's gospel: John 1,35-42).*

Brothers and Sisters,

Through the eyes, words and deeds of Jesus, the God of power is at work on earth. The power of God at work is fascinating, bold, and demanding everything at once. With the coming of Christ, a new breath has reached the human heart, fascination has taken possession of the available people. The gaze of Jesus crosses their hearts and they immediately follow him. The only thing that counts in their vocation is that God attracts, invites and leads them further and further.

*Unfortunately*, it can be someone who has never been struck by love at first sight ! He is alive, but vegetates, his days fly away, already exhausted by the weight of death. Blessed the man who is attracted, fascinated. A burning love leads him, and every morning wakes him up for an endless road to discover the treasure for which he left everything.

Unfortunate is the man who professes his faith in a cozy religion. He may think he sleeps in peace, but it will be too late when he wakes up, his heart hardened from not listening to the voice that called him. Blessed is the disciple whom Jesus has fascinated and who is dwelling with him. Night and day, he listens to him, he looks at him, and his heart only lives by this passion.

Brothers and sisters, surely, we would like to know what Jesus said throughout the day to the disciples whom his gaze had fascinated...but it is always indiscreet to record love conversations! I know very well what He said to them. One word, one word that he carried in his heart as beloved Son of the Father. Jesus told them, or rather they read in his gaze that God is love and that He is everything for whom we must leave everything when He is calling.

Blessed is the Christian who never tires of looking at Jesus-Christ: he will be fascinated. And whatever can happen he will always return to the first love because the loving look of Christ is the infinitely loving look of God for man, every man. Let us then remember Peter's last dialogue with Jesus after that impossible night when the disciple thought he could return to his boat and his nets:

*“Simon, son of John, do you love me?”*

*“Lord, You know all things, You know that I love You!” .      **Amen***

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