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Jesus is

‘The only Son, who is in the bosom of the Father’ (John 1:18)



‘The Father knows me and I know the Father ...
The Father loves me’ (John 10:15,17).

Luke 3:21-22

Now when all the people were baptised,
and when Jesus also had been baptised
and was praying

the heaven was opened
and the Holy Spirit descended upon him,
and a voice came from heaven,
“You are my Son, the Beloved;
in you my soul delights.”



Jesus' Prayer : Mark 1:32-39

That evening, at sundown, they were bringing to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he was **praying**. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, “Everyone is searching for you.”

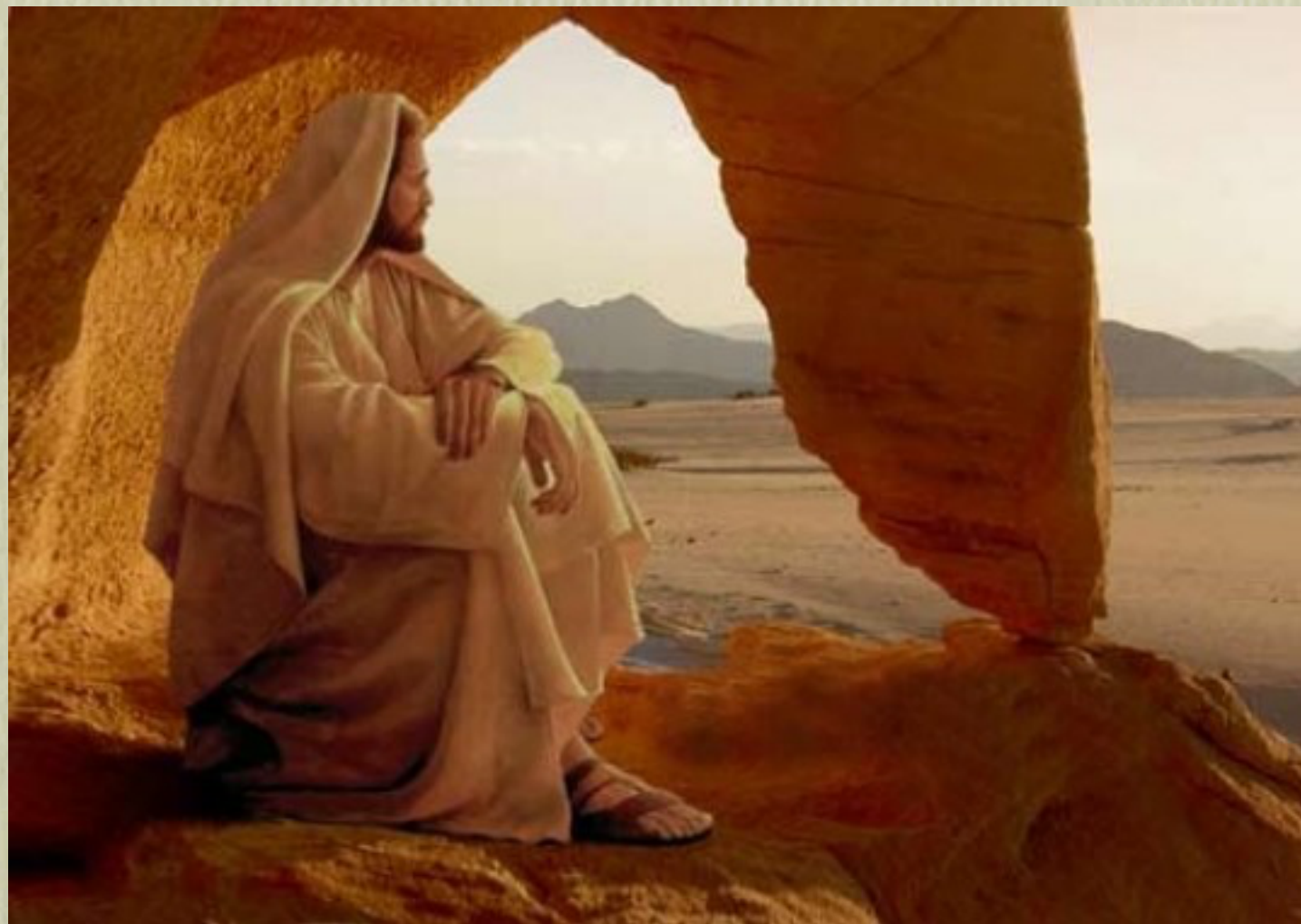
He says to them, “Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for **that is what I came out to do.**”

And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Luke 5:15-16

But now more than ever the word about Jesus spread abroad;
many crowds would gather to hear him
and to be cured of their diseases.

But he would withdraw to deserted places and **pray**.



Luke 6:12-13

Jesus went out to the mountain to pray;
and he spent the whole night in prayer to God,
When day came, he called his disciples and chose twelve of them,
whom he also named apostles:

Luke 9:18-20

Once when Jesus was praying alone, with only the disciples near him, he asked them ...”Who do you say that I am?”

Peter answered, “The Messiah of God.”

Luke 9:28-31

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white.



‘The Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him’(Exodus 34:30).

Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

Luke 10:21-23

Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.

All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

John 10:14-15

I know my own and my own know me,
as the Father knows me and I know the Father.

John 6:46

The one who is from God has seen the Father.

John 6:57

The living Father has sent me and I live because of the Father.

John 7:29

I know him because I am from him and he sent me.

John 8:19

If you knew me you would know my Father also.

Luke 11:1-4

Jesus **was praying** in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him,

“Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”

He said to them, “When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

1. Jesus does not speak his own words, but those of his Father

John 3:34

He whom God has sent speaks the words of God,
for he gives the Spirit without measure.

John 7:16-17

Jesus answered the Jews:

“My teaching is not mine but his who sent me.

Anyone who resolves to do the will of God will know
whether the teaching is from God
or whether I am speaking on my own.

John 8:28-29

I do nothing on my own,

but I speak these things as the Father instructed me.

And the one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone.

I always do what is pleasing to him.

John 14:10

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?
The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself.

John 14:24

The word that you hear is not mine.
It is from the Father who sent me.

John 17:8

Father, the words that you gave to me I have given to them,
and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you;
and they have believed that you sent me.

2. Jesus does not carry out his own actions, but those of his Father

John 4:34

Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work”.

John 5:19-20

Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, the Son can do nothing on his own, but only what he sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, the Son does likewise. The Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing.”

John 5:30

I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge;
and my judgment is just,
because I seek to do not my own will
but the will of him who sent me.

John 5:36

The deeds that the Father has given me to complete,
the very deeds that I am doing,
testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me.

John 14:10

It is the Father living in me who is doing this work.

John 10:30

The Father and I are one.



John 14:10-11



Do you not believe
that I am in the Father
and the Father is in me?

The words I say to you
I do not speak as from myself.
It is the Father living in me
who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say that
I am in the Father and the Father is in me;
believe me on the evidence of what I am doing,
if for no other reason.

John 1:18

‘No one has ever seen God.
It is the only Son,
who is in the bosom of the Father,
who has made God known.’



John 14:9

Jesus said, ‘Have I
been with you all this
time, Philip, and you
still do not know me?

Whoever has seen me
has seen the Father.’

2 Corinthians 5:19

‘God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself.’

Luke 12:49

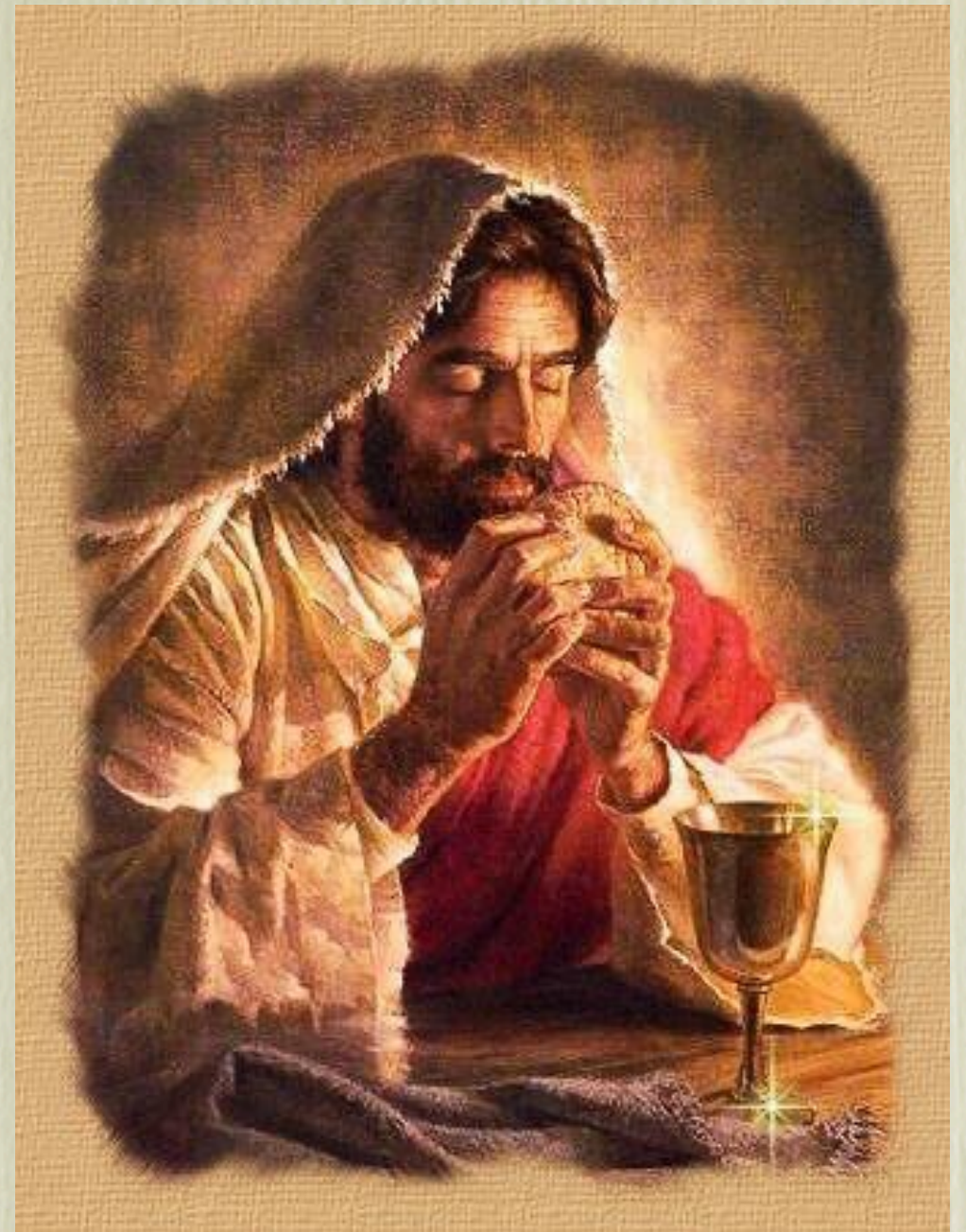
I have come to cast fire upon the earth
and how I wish it was blazing already.

John 10:10

I have come that you may live
and live to the full.

Everything Jesus said or did came from this special communion. John writes: ‘The Father loves the Son and has placed everything in his hands’ (John 3:35).

His special communion did not protect Jesus from the suffering that is part of the human experience, but it sustained him, and the fruit of this communion was a loving that his disciples had never previously experienced: a love for them, indeed for the world, that flowed from his loving communion with God.



Mark 14:32-36

They went to a place called Gethsemane;
and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.”

He took with him Peter and James and John,
and began to be distressed and agitated.

And said to them, “I am deeply grieved, even to death;
remain here, and keep awake.”

And going a little farther,
he threw himself on the ground
and prayed that, if it were possible,
the hour might pass from him.

He said, “Abba, Father,
for you all things are possible;
remove this cup from me;
yet, not my will, but Yours, be done.”



Mark 15:34

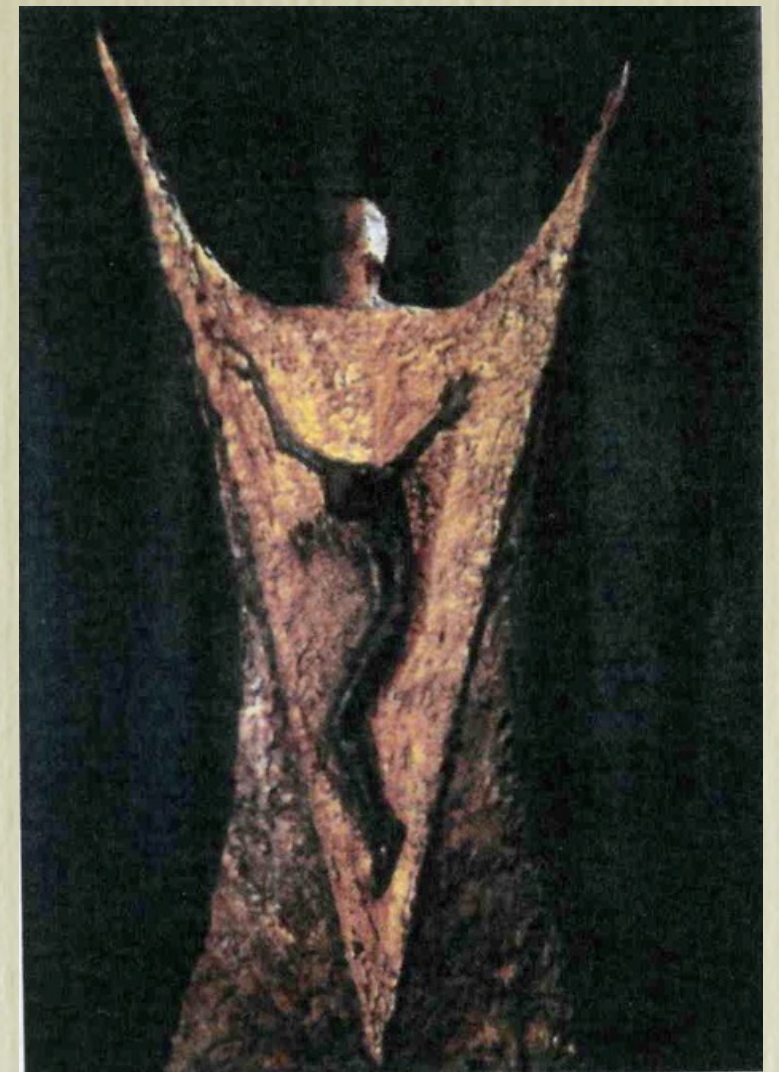
‘My God, my God,
why have you abandoned me?’

Luke 23:45

Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.”
Having said this, he breathed forth his spirit.

John 8:28

‘When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will realise that I AM, (ἐγώ εἰμι) and that I do nothing on my own.’



God in us





Galatians 2:19-20

‘I live, no longer I.
It is Christ who lives in me.
And the life I now live
in the flesh,
I live by
the faith of the Son of God,
who loves me
and gives himself for me.’

Matthew 1:23

‘They will name him Immanuel,
which means,
“God is **with us**”. [see Isaiah 7:14]

Matthew 28:20

‘I am **with you** always, to
the end of the age.



‘Whoever has seen me has seen the Father ... I am in the Father and the Father is in me’ (John 14:9-10).

‘I will ask the Father and he will give you the Spirit to be with you for ever’ (John 14:16).

‘I am coming to you’ (John 14:18).

‘My Father will love you and we will come to you and make our home with you’ (John 14:23).

Jesus, God's Son

The Dancer, The Singer, The Lover

God the 'Father'

The Dance,
The Song,
Love



God's Spirit

The Dancing,
The Singing,
The Loving

'The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the hierarchy of the truths of faith' (Catechism n. 234).

Galatians 4:6

‘God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts,
crying, “Abba! Father!”

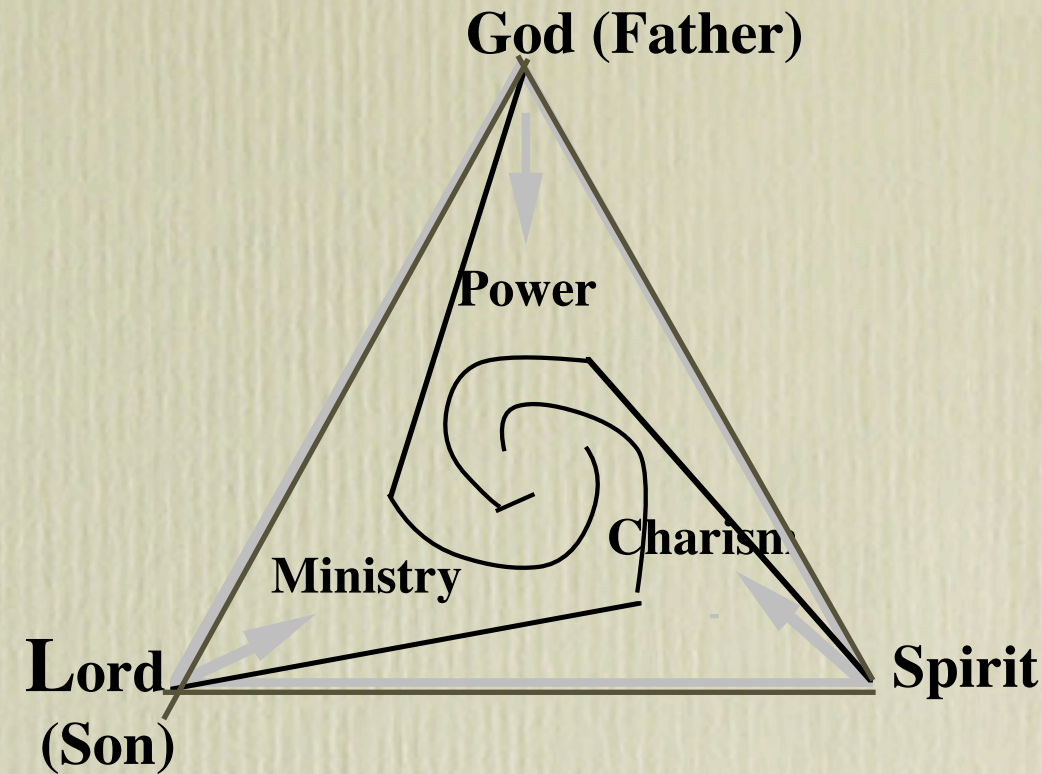
2Thessalonians 2:13

‘God chose you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth.’

1Corinthians 6:11

‘You were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.’

1 Corinthians 12:4-7



‘There are varieties of charisms, but the same **Spirit**;
there are varieties of ministries, but the same **Lord**;
there are varieties of ways of exercising power,
but it is the same **God** who inspires them all in everyone.
To each is given the manifestation of the **Spirit**
for the common good.’

God : Trinity

- On one level when we speak of the Trinity we are saying that **God**, the one and only and always transcendent Source of everything that exists, is experienced by us through God's Word and God's Spirit, and finally in the man Jesus who is the perfect human expression of God, God's Word-made-flesh, and who gives us his Spirit that we may share in his communion with God.

Knowing that God is Trinity opens the way to see God differently. While never wavering from Monotheism, and while knowing that we humans cannot comprehend God, we came to think of God as One, not in the sense of an individual, but as Communion of Love.

Catherine LaCugna *God for us: the Trinity in Christian Life* (Harper 1991)

‘The perfection of God is the perfection of love, of communion, or personhood. Divine perfection is the antithesis of self-sufficiency. Rather it is the absolute capacity to be who and what one is by being for and from another. The living God is the God who is alive in relationship, alive in communion with the creature, alive with desire for union with every creature’ (page 304).

Indwelling: John of the Cross

‘O most beautiful of creatures, transcendent spirit, who long to know where your beloved is and where you may find him so as to be united with him. He dwells within you. You are yourself the tabernacle, his secret hiding place. Rejoice, exult, for all you could possibly desire, all your heart’s longing is so close, so intimate as to be within you; you cannot be without him.’

(Spiritual Canticle 1,7).

O living flame of love, tenderly wound my soul
to its deepest inner heart, without oppression.
Come, consummate our love,
tear through the veil of our union.
If it be your will come and rend the veil of the temple.

O lamps of fire in deep caverns of feeling,
Once obscured and blind
Are now leading in the warmth
and the passion of Your love.

Yet gently your hand does wound
as you rend through the veil of my temple.
Come, take this life that I give,
So that I might come to live in this our dying.