

Have I been with you all this time, and you have not recognized me?

Acts 6:1-7

Psalm 33

1Peter 2:4-9

John 14:1-12

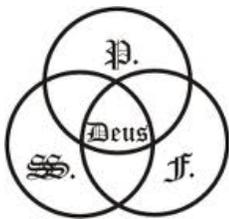
In the first reading the twelve call together the community and select seven reputable and spirit-filled disciples to make sure the needs of the community are met. The hands of the Apostles are laid upon them and they are prayerfully given their mission. The number of faithful grew, and the word spread.

The Psalmist notes that the Lord loves justice and right and he fills the world with kindness. The just are to exult in the Lord, while the upright give fitting praise. Hope for kindness from the Lord and seek deliverance and remember the Lord's eyes are upon those who stand in awe and reverence of him.

In the second reading Peter exhorts his listeners to come to Jesus, the living stone rejected by humans but precious in God's eyes. The faithful are being built into a spiritual house and will never be put to shame. We are called out of darkness into light and those without faith find our stepping stones to be stumbling blocks and they stumble because they disobey the word.

In the Gospel Jesus emphasizes the importance of not being troubled over everyday problems. The Father's house has many dwelling places and Jesus prepares a place for each one of us. Jesus is the way, the truth, the life and we approach the Father through him. The Father and Jesus are one and the Father speaks through Jesus. Furthermore the disciples are instructed to continue the work of Jesus and are to expect accomplishments by the power of the Father working through the name of Jesus.

The Father shows us the Way,
The Son exemplifies the Truth,
The Holy Spirit gives us Life.
One in Three, Three in One.



It is indeed a mystery when Jesus says he is in the Father and the Father is in him. And yet, this is what Jesus says in response to Philip who asks to show him the Father. The words of the Father speak through Jesus; the works of the Father are accomplished through him. Together they are one in essence, one in intention, one in accomplishment. We see and learn of the Father through Jesus, in Jesus, and with Jesus.

Pray that your faith be strengthened and seek Jesus' guidance so that you can find your place in the spiritual house God is building.

Think About It

A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said wouldn't be a great moral teacher. He's either be a lunatic - on the level with a man who says he's a poached egg - or else he'd be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the **Son of God**, or else a madman or something worse. (C.S. Lewis, *The Case for Christianity*.)