

Tuesday 4th of Easter

Gospel text (Jn 10,22-30): (...) Jesus walked back and forth in the portico of Solomon. The Jews then gathered around him and said to him, «How long will you keep us in doubt? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly». Jesus answered, «I have already told you but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name proclaim who I am (...). I and the Father are one».

The Son of God

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Today, Jesus presents us with the boldest statement of all time: He and the Father are one. He reveals Himself as God and as the Son of God. Never before had any religious leader put forward such a claim. But Jesus performed "works" that only God could perform: He acts and speaks as God. His definitive "work" was His resurrection by his own power.

He really is the Son: He is Someone living who comes from another living Being (the Father), equal in nature (divine). He is pure Infinite-Affiliation: the Son is distinguished from the Father (for being the Son) and is fully identified, at the same time, with the Father (because He is infinite). He is the most perfect Image of the Father, for the Father—as a conscious Being— knows Himself and has an Image of himself. Every man also has an image of himself, but in the case of God it is an infinitely perfect Image, as it is a divine Person: the Son proceeding from the Father by an intellectual "generation".

—Our Lord, I surrender to your infinite beauty!