

# Monday 3th of Advent

**Gospel text (Mt 21,23-27): Jesus had entered the Temple and was teaching when the chief priests, the teachers of the Law and the Jewish authorities came to him and asked, «What authority have you to act like this? Who gave you authority to do all this?» (...).**

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## ***Jesus: "A prophet like Me"***

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Today, intrigued, the high priests and elders question the vigorous and sharp authority displayed by Jesus Christ. Already, in the old times, what the "book of Deuteronomy" promised was not a king of Israel and a king of the world (a new David!), but a "new Moses". Moses himself is interpreted as a "prophet" such as there were only in Israel: not a soothsayer, but someone who could show the face of God, and in so doing, he could show us the path that we have to take.

Also in "Deuteronomy", God promises to Israel "a prophet like me" (Dt 18:15). It was the announcement of something big: a "new Moses". What was truly crucial of Moses —not counting his prodigies— is that he spoke with God, as a friend. But Moses did not behold God's face, but only His "back" (Dt 33:23). The immediate relation of Moses to God —that makes him the great mediator of the Covenant— had its limits.

—Jesus, as the "new Moses", you fully reveal the Father and are the mediator of the New Covenant. This is the origin of your authority!