Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Easter

Gospel text (*Jn* 12:44-50): Jesus cried out and said, “Whoever believes in me believes not only in me but also in the one who sent me, and whoever sees me sees the one who sent me (…). I did not speak on my own, but the Father who sent me commanded me what to say and speak (…).”

He who sees the Son, sees the Father

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Today, we read that to believe in Jesus and to see Him is to believe in, and see, the Father. If the text would only say: “he, who believes in Me, does not believe in Me”, it would be contradictory. If it would say: “He, who believes in me, believes in the One who sent me”, it would entail both Jesus and the Father who sends Him, and it would be very clear.

Thus, why does Jesus insert a negative statement (“does not believe in Me”) which, to begin with, hinders the correct understanding of the message? The answer is: because Jesus, even though He is not different than the Father, He is indeed diverse from Him: we are actually facing one of the expressions of the Trinitarian mystery. Consequently, while Jesus, at the same time, is not the Father (He is the Son), He is the same as the Father (He is God) and He is a creature as we are (He is man).

—O Lord, give me a strong faith and the empathy to love You as a perfect man, as the saint of God.