

Wednesday 26th in Ordinary Time

Gospel text (Lk 9,57-62): As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, a man said to him, «I will follow you wherever you go». Jesus said to him, «Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head». To another Jesus said, «Follow me». But he answered, «Let me go back now, for first I want to bury my father». And Jesus said to him, «Let the dead bury their dead; as for you, leave them and proclaim the kingdom of God» (...).

The hour of Jesus (the call)

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Today, in this scene we see that human existence is not undifferentiated (meaningless), but it has "depth": God calls man and His call is "peculiar". The response to this call has preference and it demands total surrender of our whole selves. It is not enough to just deliver part of oneself...

For the Christian it means there is an "hour of Jesus Christ", an instant that cannot be postponed, because it cannot be estimated, while saying: "Yes, I do, of course, but now...". Because I might as well unleash that instant which is "my" life and loose —precisely, because of this prudence— the authentic part of "my" own life, which can never be retrieved. There is the time of "the call", which requires an instant decision, the most important decision! Jesus' reason and His call have preference: they come first!

—I ask my Mother the Blessed Virgin Mary who knows —as Her— how to respond well and in time, postponing the "reasonable" before this "bigger" who is Him. Only like this I will get really close to Him.