

In the beginning there was only God.

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Perfect life. Perfect love. Perfect glory.

And from the abundance of that love, God created the world.

The stars. The oceans. The mountains. The beauty of creation.

And finally humanity.

Not as an accident.

Not as a meaningless collection of cells.

Human beings created in the image of God.

Created to know Him.

To love Him.

To walk with Him.

That is how it all began.

Humanity alive with grace,
alive with communion,
alive with God.

And then comes the catastrophe.

The serpent whispers to Adam and Eve:

“You do not need God.”

“You decide what is good.”

“You decide truth for yourselves.”

“You become your own masters.”

And humanity believes the lie.

Adam reaches out his hand toward the tree,
and the entire human race falls with him.

That is the fall.

The moment humanity turns away from the God who is life itself.

And once humanity cuts itself off from God, death enters everything.

Fear enters.

Shame enters.

Violence enters.

Division enters.

Adam hides.

Eve blames.

Cain murders Abel.

And every century since has simply repeated the same rebellion.

Look honestly at the world.

Wars.

Hatred.

Broken families.

Addiction.

Loneliness.

Confusion.

People surrounded by comfort, yet spiritually exhausted.

Because humanity keeps trying to build life without God.

And humanity keeps discovering the same terrible truth:

without God, the soul slowly dies.

And this is where modern society still repeats the ancient lie.

The world says:

“Save yourself.”

“Define yourself.”

“Create your own truth.”

“Follow your feelings.”

But fallen humanity cannot save itself.

A drowning man cannot rescue himself by trying harder.

Humanity needed redemption.

Humanity needed rescue.

And that is why today's Gospel is so amazing.

Jesus says: **“God so loved the world that He gave His only Son.”**

Everything changes in that sentence.

The Father looks upon a fallen world—
a world trapped in sin,
trapped in death,
running from Him—

and He does not abandon it.

He gives His Son.

Not an angel.

Not merely a prophet.

His Son.

The eternal Son of God enters the world.

The Creator enters creation.

The infinite enters time.

The Son takes flesh from the Virgin Mary and walks among sinners.

He touches lepers.

Forgives sinners.

Raises the dead.

And finally He carries the Cross.

Why?

Because sin is real.

Death is real.

Hell is real.

And souls are worth saving.

The Cross is the centre of human history.

Look at the crucifix.

That is what sin does.

But that is also what divine love looks like.

The Son of God willingly enters suffering and death to bring humanity home again.

Adam stretched out his hand toward the forbidden tree,
and death entered the world.

Christ stretches out His hands upon the tree of the Cross,
and eternal life enters the world again.

And then Jesus says something both beautiful and terrifying:

“God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but so that through Him the world might be saved.”

Christ comes first as Saviour.

He comes searching for sinners.

Searching for the lost.

Searching for wounded souls.

Searching for humanity hiding in darkness like Adam hiding among the trees.

That is the Gospel.

God comes looking for us.

But then comes the warning.

“Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already.”

Why?

Because humanity after the fall already stands separated from God.

Christ comes to rescue humanity from condemnation.

And every soul must decide what to do with Him.

And belief does not simply mean saying: “Yes, God exists.”

The devil knows God exists.

Belief means surrender.

Trust.

Conversion.

Belief means stepping out of darkness into the light of Christ.

And many people resist that light.

Because the light exposes sin.

The light demands repentance.

The light demands change.

The human heart often prefers darkness because darkness allows us to remain comfortable.

And perhaps that is the great tragedy of modern life.

Not that people openly hate God.

That many drift from Him while distracting themselves endlessly.

People filling life with noise,
pleasure,
screens,
money,
work,
entertainment—

anything to avoid confronting the soul.

Meanwhile eternity draws closer every day.

But today’s Gospel is still mercy.

Still invitation.

Still rescue.

Because Christ still searches for sinners.

Still forgives.

Still heals.

Still raises the spiritually dead back to life.

That is why the Church exists.

That is why Confession exists.

That is why the Eucharist exists.

Because God still loves the world.

Still.

And today every soul hears the same question God asked Adam in the garden:

“Where are you?”

Where is your soul?

In darkness, or in the light?

Living for yourself, or living for God?

Because one day every illusion will disappear.

Every excuse will fall away.

And every human being will stand before Jesus Christ.

The same Christ who came into the world not to condemn, but to save.

And on that day, the only thing that will matter is this:

Did I remain hiding in the darkness—

or did I step into the light of the Son of God?