

ALL THAT THE FATHER HAS IS MINE; ... HE WILL TAKE WHAT IS MINE AND DEALARE IT TO YOU– Biblical Commentary by Father Alberto Maggi OSM

John 16,12-1512

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“When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.”

“He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

For the celebration of the Holy Trinity the reading is taken from John’s gospel, chapter 16, 12-15. The evangelist writes: *“I still have many things... “* literally “many” *“...to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.”*

What is it that Jesus wants to say? Who can understand his message are only those like him ready to give their lives. The disciples are not yet able to give their lives for others. This also applies to the whole community of believers, for the growth of the followers of Jesus. The message is understood only in the measure in which one’s own level of love is higher, not towards God, but toward others.

The more love given to the others all the more divine communication to man. But it is important what the evangelist writes: *“I still have many things to say to you”*, Jesus is talking, really talking. This was very true in the first communities there was the example of St. Ignatius that in the letter to the Ephesians "Pay no attention to anyone but Jesus Messiah who continues to speak truly." Jesus continues to speak, Continues to speak in the Eucharistic liturgy, continues through his prophets, we need ears and heart to hear him.

And Jesus continues: *“When the Spirit of truth comes, “* This truth is nominated three times. *“.. he will guide you into all the truth,”* The Holy Spirit is called the spirit of truth and the guide to all the truth, The theme of the truth is very dear to the evangelist. Jesus in the reply to one of his disciples, to Thomas,

had said: *"I am the way, and the truth, and the life."* (John14,6) Jesus is the truth he does not have the truth. And it is important.

What is this truth in the gospel? It is not the doctrine that you have, because who has the truth has a doctrine, inevitably one is separated from who does not think the same and one believes in the right to guide him. This truth is and does.

And what is the meaning to be and to do the truth ? The truth is not expressed through doctrinal formulas, but through actions with which one communicates life to others. To be in the truth means to be in complete harmony with the dynamism of love of the creator, who has care of the lives of his creatures. *".. he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come."*

What does this announcement of things of the future mean? It is not a new relationship of God on the behalf of the Spirit, but the actualization of the only identical message of Jesus in new ways and forms for all the community.

The community changes, diminishes, grows, new needs arise, new problems, well the action of the Spirit will help understand, thanks to Jesus' message, how to affront these needs. Therefore the guarantee of the Spirit present in the community is the faces the new needs, to the new needs of the community, it always finds an answer. Do not give an old answers , you should always be able, thanks to Jesus' message, the only message, to give new answers.

"He will glorify me," Glorification means to make every time more evident the love of Jesus for his people. *"... for he will take what is mine and declare it to you."* So it is not a new message, but the understanding of the same one. *"All that the Father has is mine;"* That which Jesus and God possess is the Spirit, the fullness of love.

"...therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you." And the word announced is repeated three times. The meaning of this phrase is very important it is that that is God and that which is man cannot be known if not through degrees of knowledge and always a profound experience. There is a dynamic exchange of love received and love communicated: greater the love communicated, greater the possibility to receive this love on the part of the Father.

