



### **Day 3: Seen and Known**

#### **Jesus, Seen and Known by the Father**

*"The Father and I are one."* John 10:30

Jesus is the perfect Son who reveals to us what it means to live in perfect communion with the Father. As I kneel before the mystery of the life of the Trinity, I have such a reverence for how I speak of the way the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit love one another. Because Jesus becomes fully a man, we get a glimpse of the sonship that He constantly lives with the Father. We can attempt to express this intimacy in countless ways, but one concrete way is the gift of being "seen and known" by the Father. At the heart of the Trinity is a perfect relationship of love, where the Father and Son fully love each other, and in this gift of love, the Holy Spirit overflows. In this gaze of love, Jesus is fully seen and known by His Father in every aspect of his Being. The Father gives perfect attention to His Son in every aspect of his Sonship, thus allowing His Fatherly presence to be the source of His Son's life.

#### **Mary, the Mother who sees and knows Jesus**

The Father chooses Mary and her motherhood to be the perfect instrument of love for His Son, Jesus. Servant of God Luis Maria Martinez, the former Archbishop of Mexico City and a man who knew himself to be a beloved son of our Lady of Guadalupe, reflects beautifully on Mary's vocation as a true 'revealer' to Jesus of the Father's love and delight. He teaches that as the Father sends His Son to become man in the womb of the Virgin, he desired that Jesus would have constant and real experience of his fatherly love on this earth. Thus, He chose Mary from the beginning, with all the graces she was given in the Immaculate Conception, to be the pure and perfect revelation of the love of the Father for his Son. Like I mentioned above, Mary's whole motherhood – her love, affection, personality, smile, face, voice, etc., were a revelation of the way the Father loves Jesus. Mary sees and knows Jesus in the deepest place, just like His Father. As a Son, Jesus longs to be seen and known by his Father and mother.

#### **St. Juan Diego and Us**

You are seen and known. Juan Diego teaches us what it means for our soul to be seen by Jesus and Our Lady. Our Lady of Guadalupe tells Juan Diego in the first apparition, "I will give [Jesus] to all people, He who is my person-love, He who is my compassionate gaze..." (*Nican Mopohua*, 28) The compassionate gaze of Mary is the gaze of Jesus.

Through the gaze of Christ, we are fully seen and known. This gaze inflames our hearts and our eyes so that we can then see others as we are seen. Simply to say, St. Juan Diego does not only carry the words of Mary, but he carries her gaze. Her beauty, her loving presence, the grace of God alive in her has set his heart on fire. This is hope for us—that we may learn to see how God sees us, and then, with Mary's help, we can see *others as we are seen*. Juan Diego is a great icon for all of us as sons of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Like she did for him, she stands before us to remind us that we are fully seen and known in the deep place of suffering and insecurity. Brothers, you are seen, known, and loved by Our Lady. This is the way she loves her sons.

### **Prayer**

O Jesus, we adore You, we love You, and we thank You for the gift of Your presence. You are the Son of the Father who is constantly seen and known by Him, and we long to share in the gift of this intimacy. We ask You now to hear this prayer.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of God and Mother of us, draw us close to your heart. As you were delighted to meet Juan Diego along the way in his suffering and insecurity, you revealed your love to him that allowed him to experience being seen and known in these deep places. O Mary, as your sons, come to meet us in our own hearts, for we too long to be seen and known in our places of suffering.

Amen.

*After reading today's reflection, [pray the Litany of Restoration of Sonship](#).*