

### 03. In Communion with Jesus' prayer



## Luke 3:21-22

Now when all the people were baptised,  
and when Jesus also had been baptised  
and was praying

the heaven was opened,  
and the Holy Spirit descended upon him  
in bodily form like a dove

And a voice came from heaven,  
“You are my Son, the Beloved;  
in you my soul delights.”



John 1:18

No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son,  
who is in the bosom of the Father,  
who has made God known.

John 10:15,17

The Father knows me and I know the Father ...  
The Father loves me.

John 10:30

The Father and I are one.

‘The heart of God descends in haste  
to his creation,  
with the weight of an infinite love,

and the heart of creation rises towards God,  
drawn by an attraction  
that dominates all others in it.

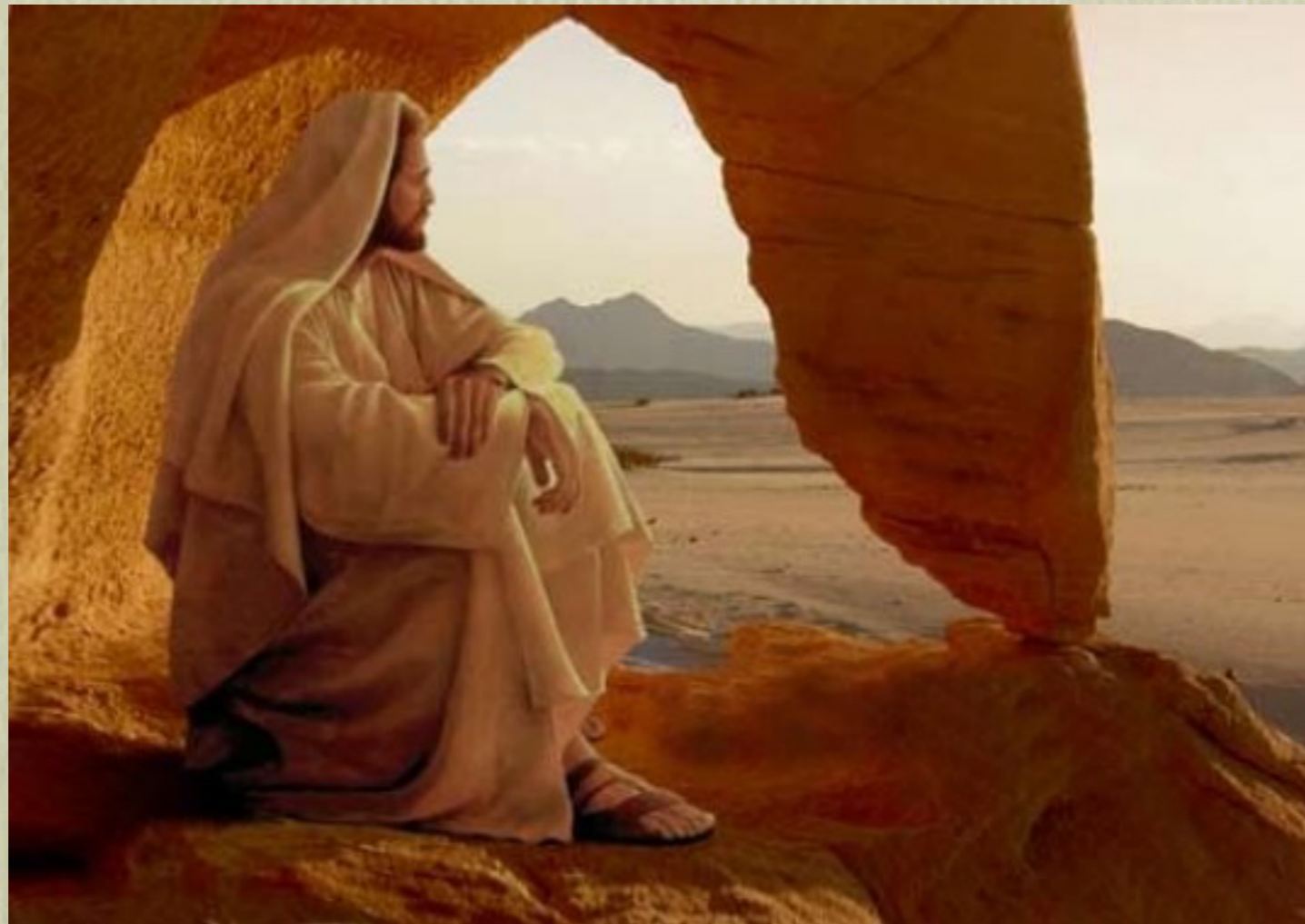
It is in Jesus that these two hearts meet,  
and they unite so profoundly  
that the two hearts become one.’

(Jules Chevalier, ‘The Heart of Jesus, page 76).

## Luke 5:15-16

But now more than ever the word about Jesus spread abroad;  
many crowds would gather to hear him  
and to be cured of their diseases.

But he would withdraw to deserted places and **pray**.



John 14:10 & 11 (see 10:38)

I am in the Father and the Father is in me.

John 3:31-32

The one who comes from heaven  
testifies to what he has seen and heard.

John 3:34

He whom God has sent speaks the words of God,  
for he gives the Spirit without measure.

From his fullness we have all received (John 1:16).





## Luke 10:21-23

Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.

All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

## John 10:14-15

I know my own and my own know me,  
as the Father knows me and I know the Father.

## 1John 1:1-3



We declare to you what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life — this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us. We declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you may have communion with us; and truly our communion is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

It was Jesus' communion with God that was the source of his life.

At the Last Supper, with a broken heart, he said: 'You will be scattered, each one to his home, and you will leave me alone.'

He went straight on to add: 'Yet I am not alone because the Father is with me'(John 16:32).



## Mark 14:32-36

They went to a place called Gethsemane;  
and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I **pray**.”

He took with him Peter and James and John,  
and began to be distressed and agitated.

And said to them, “I am deeply grieved, even to death;  
remain here, and keep awake.”

And going a little farther,  
he threw himself on the ground  
and prayed that, if it were possible,  
the hour might pass from him.

He said, “**Abba**, Father,  
for you all things are possible;  
remove this cup from me;  
yet, **not my will, but Yours, be done.**”



His special communion did not protect Jesus from the suffering that is part of the human experience, but it sustained him, and the fruit of this communion was a loving that his disciples had never previously experienced: a love for them, indeed for the world, that flowed from his loving communion with God.









Jesus' humanity, but also his faith in God are, perhaps, nowhere shown more poignantly than in his cry from the cross: **'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'** (Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34).

It is his faith in God that Luke highlights when he records Jesus' prayer from the cross: **'Father, into your hands I commend my spirit'** (23:46).





14:15-18, 23

If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

And I will ask the Father,  
and he will give you another Advocate,  
to be with you forever.

This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because  
it neither sees him nor knows him.

You know him, because he abides with you,  
and he will be in you.

I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you ...

If you love me you will keep my word,  
and my Father will love you, and we will come to you  
and make our home in you.

John 15:9

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you;  
abide in my love.

John 16:32

You will leave me alone.  
Yet I am not alone because the Father is with me.

John 17:21

As you, Father, are in me and I am in you,  
may they also be in us.

John 17:22

May they be one, as we are one,  
I in them and you in me.

John 17:26

I have revealed you to them,  
and I will continue to reveal you,  
so that the love with which you have loved me  
may be in them,  
and I in them.

John 19:28

'I thirst'

