



From the Desk of Father Peter

We are Invited to Embrace the Light of Christ

What would it have been like to live while Jesus walked the earth? What if we could see Him face-to-face, hear His voice, touch Him and walk with Him. What if we were with Him when he made the blind see or the lame walk, cured the lepers or raised a dead man back to life? How would we have reacted? It is tempting to think that we would have been His disciples, that we surely would have seen His power and holiness and have believed in Him. How could it be otherwise? It would be obvious that this was, indeed, the Son of God—or would it?



Perhaps His very humanness would have been a stumbling block? Perhaps we would have found it difficult to see past this rather ordinary human being who dressed simply, likely spoke with the accent of His Galilean countrymen, walked the same hard ground that we walked and, like us, grew hungry and thirsty and tired. Is it more likely that we would have reacted as His relatives did? Would we remember Jesus only as a little boy from our village growing up and learning His father's trade in the carpenter shop? Like them, would we have said, "He is out of his mind!" and tried to take him home?

Even today our minds cannot fully understand the mystery of Jesus. Only faith and the grace of God can bring us to believe in Christ as true God and true man. However, if we allow ourselves to be drawn into His beautiful mystery we begin to appreciate the

deep humility and infinite love that is embodied in Christ becoming one of us and offering Himself as the only acceptable and lasting sacrifice to reconcile us to the Father. Only as true God and man could Christ be both our High Priest and our Sacrifice, holy and unblemished, offering Himself to the Father and bringing us the hope of eternal life. Similarly, Jesus invites us into a type of partnership or relationship with Him which offers us many graces and blessings; these include the promise and hope of salvation, peace, joy, and fulfillment.

We live in a world that so often worships at the altar of riches, power, comfort, status, and individualism. A world of consumerism that expects all from church but sometimes forgets to give back. It can be all too easy for us to forsake the ways of God and love of neighbor, and worship these false gods, ourselves. That is where regular attendance at Mass, daily prayer and frequent reading of Scripture can come to our aid. The Church is us, we make up the body of Christ. These things can help keep us close to Jesus. It can be a challenge to our ego to realize that we need Jesus to help keep us on the right path, to work with us in the little tasks we do day in and day out. It is the best path nonetheless.



*Peace and Love to all,
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