

XXII Sunday in Ordinary Time: Get God's Intelligence

"Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly... and be killed and on the third day be raised. Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, 'God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you.' He turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.'" (Mt 16: 21-23)

It should not be difficult to accept that God, the Creator, is more intelligent than man, the creature. However, as soon as we do not understand something, we think God does not exist or He does not care about us, or has made a mistake. We think of this especially when something causes us to suffer, when the cross has appeared to us under some of its myriad facets: sickness, death, personal or work problems.

We should try to have God's intelligence, that is, we should imitate the Lord, who did not choose the easy path of success and miracles in order to solve all problems and redeem humanity but chose the way of the Cross.

Therefore, whenever something does not go well in our lives, be it big or small, let's not curse our fate or consider our life to be a disgrace. Rather, let's be aware that a great treasure has been granted to us: that of being able to cooperate with Christ in redemption. Let's remember that solutions frequently come after crises, and were it not for problems, we might not have found solutions. After the Cross, came the Resurrection.

In conclusion, let's not forget that in the cross itself, our cross, we can be united with the Lord, who is there present, in pain, in a mysterious but real way, as He Himself said.

Purpose: Offer to God each of your sufferings for the conversion of those who cause others to suffer. Accept them without complaining, Do not lose hope that the future will be better.