

The Nativity of the Lord – 12-24-2022

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father’s only Son, full of grace and truth.

This is from the Gospel of Saint John. It’s the prologue and without it our theology on Jesus Christ would be severely lacking.

It’s important to note that it is Saint John who wrote this gospel. His gospel is unique to the other three gospels and it is by far the most Christo-centric of all the gospels.

Meaning that we come to know much more precisely who Jesus, the Christ, is from his Gospel. He is the Word of the Father – the Word made flesh.

How did this happen? Why Saint John?

Well, I’m going to tell you something that is as old as Christianity itself but among some people, even in the Church, it’s often treated like a secret at best and sometimes even treated with hostility at worse.

But it’s actually the safest and most perfect way to follow Jesus.

In Saint John's gospel we learn that, from the cross, Jesus entrusted Saint John, the beloved disciple, to his Holy Mother.

And we know that from that hour Saint John took Mary into his home. Behold your Mother." These are among Jesus' last words from the cross. This was obviously very important to our Lord.

As I said, John's Gospel is the most Christocentric of all the Gospels. It's all about Jesus. That's Mary's effect on us. She puts and keeps our focus on her son alone.

According to the Church each one of us is the beloved disciple represented by Saint John.

In other words, we are all children of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

God the Father entrusted his Son to the care of the Blessed Virgin Mary on the first Christmas day and from the cross Jesus made it clear that he was entrusting his beloved disciples to her care as well.

On this Christmas day, one of the best things we can do is entrust ourselves to the care of the Blessed Virgin Mary so that we can truly become sons and daughters of God the Father and consequently brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ.

I can't imagine a merrier Christmas than that.