

"I am going to prepare a place for you."

It was during the last meal that Jesus had with his friends that he reminded them of what he had previously promised them. So far, they have walked with him, they have followed him on his way. They may not know where this road leads. They have had many illusions about this. But still, so far, they have walked, assured that they are at the end, they will have good places.

Jesus asks his disciples to trust him about what he is telling them; he goes to his Father, and in the Father's house there is room for all; this is where his path leads. Thomas gets confused and does not understand and he expresses openly his misunderstanding. "We do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way"?

Indeed, how to choose the path without knowing the destination. Thomas manifests it first and Philippe follows. Like him, he obviously did not understand: "Show us the Father and that is enough for us!" "He did not understand; Thomas and without doubt the others did not understand either the words of Jesus. We too, we may not understand and each of us seeks to have good places but we do not know how. Jesus gives an uplifting message when he invites us to not let our hearts be troubled. The Lord watches over those who love him and hope in his love. And Jesus is always there to recomfort us and he repeats to us, " Believe in me".

In this Gospel, he promises us a dwelling place in his Father's house. Yes, we need it; a good place certainly. But on one condition: we must follow the single path, which is that of the Truth of our human existence and of Life which is a network of fraternal relationships. At the end of this path which is Christ, there is the right place. Not a place to be alone, cut off from others, but a place to "be with"! "Where I am, you will be there too." This is the comforting promise of Jesus. He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Amen!!!