



**Excerpts from *Preaching Jesus in the Time of the New Evangelization***

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The Person of Jesus, the Gospel, and the teachings of the Church offer a deeper, richer view of the human person and reality. The human person, and all of creation, cannot be reduced to pure matter or efficient causes. All of creation is touched by grace, since it is the handiwork of God. This is especially true of the human person. Each person is the image of God and carries the very life-breath of the Creator. The person cannot be totally dissected and analyzed according to the canons of the modern scientific method. The human person as spirit is endowed with reason, freedom, conscience, personality, and the ability for self-sacrifice and transcendence. Such an endowment is evidenced in the dramatic stories which fill the daily news, as well as the ordinary events that hold everyday life together with truth and meaning. God's grace continues to be active.

To proclaim the Person of Jesus and the Gospel within the modern context is not easy, but it is the exciting adventure in faith of the Holy Spirit.

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As the world grows more disillusioned with the empty promises of today's keepers of reality, the preacher in this time of the New Evangelization has been offered a sacred moment, a moment of the in-breaking presence of the Holy Spirit. If the Church is to seize the moments of openness and preach Christ crucified, then we must look to Jesus himself. In the Gospel of St. Luke, after the temptations and Jesus' return to Galilee, He enters His hometown synagogue at Nazareth. Jesus selects a passage from Isaiah to read:

“The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.” —Luke 4:18-19

These words from Isaiah, selected by Jesus, speak directly to the preacher of the New Evangelization. Authentic preaching is done through the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

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