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The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 15: 1 -2, 22 – 29

Revelation 21: 10 -14, 22 – 23

John 14: 23 – 29

The first verse from John Chapter 14 is “let not your hearts be troubled”. This entire Chapter is described as a “consolatory discourse” to the disciples after the Last Supper.

The first two verses of today’s gospel address the inclusive nature of love. In John 14: vs. 23 – Jesus tells his disciples “whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him”. The criteria for both Jesus and Gods’ love, is obedience to the word. This is keeping the commandments. Then Jesus goes one step further in vs. 24 saying “the word you hear is not mine but the Father’s”.

It has become easy to keep Jesus for us and be less than charitable to our sisters and brothers in Christ (as one example) who think and act differently than we do. This mentality of “Me & my Jesus” is becoming prevalent even in the Catholic Church – long the bastion of inclusivity for “The Common Good” of the body of Christ. We are also inclined to affirm those who think about Jesus just like we do. This is human nature. However, today’s gospel points to a much greater and more powerful love – God.

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