



THE WORD IS THE QUEEN OF THE WORLD (AUT. 449)

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.

When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.'

For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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Word of God is the primary
of our spirituality
(Sourcebook 37)

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LAY CLARETIANS



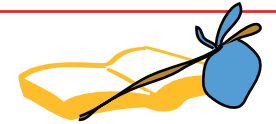
REFLECTIONS TO FEED OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD



In today's Gospel, John invites us to repent and change our lives, and he does so through a concrete sign: baptism. He is announcing the person of Jesus, recognizing his own limits and weaknesses. He offers a simple and austere testimony of life, with a clear reference to Jesus. We, the Lay Claretians are particularly invited to experience a deep need for constant conversion, recognizing our weaknesses and our limitations, but with placing our full confidence in Jesus. (Ref. Sourcebook 14).

IT IS WORD OF GOD (AUT. 450)

REFLECTIONS TO FEED OUR MISSION IN THE WORLD



One of the characteristics of the mission of a Lay Claretian is a missionary life that keeps us always attentive and available to reveal what is more urgent and necessary in our service to the cause of the Kingdom of God. (Ref. Sourcebook 27). John responded to the most urgent community need of his times: the proclamation of the person of Jesus and the invitation to conversion. Today we are invited to maintain that availability and missionary attitude. We must give witness to life that reflects the evangelization which responds to the urgent needs of our times in building the Kingdom of God.

IT IS WORD OF LIFE (AUT. 450)

PRAYER FROM THE GOSPEL

Our Good Father, God, help us to be attentive and available. Give us a repentant heart and willing conversion, so that we can discover your will in your Word that feeds us and encourages us to continue preaching and proclaiming the person of your Son Jesus. (Ref. Sourcebook 37).

