

Act 13: 26-33

John 14: 1-6

In the Readings this week, we have had an on-going account of the missionary activities of the Apostles and disciples of Jesus. They, filled with the Holy Spirit, followed the instructions given by him to, “Go forth and proclaim the Good News.” The resulting ‘Acts’ are the story of the spread of the early church.

So, today, we hear, in the synagogue at Antioch in Pisidia, Paul proclaiming the heart of that Good News, “It is to us (Those coming after Jesus)....that he has fulfilled it (The promise that was given to the Jews in the past), **BY RISING FROM THE DEAD.**” In consequence, therefore, “**YOU** are my son (the people present, as well as all of **US** now): today I have become **YOUR** father.”

In the Gospel, we then hear confirmation of this in the words of Jesus addressed to his disciples... ”There are many rooms in my Father’s house.....I am going to prepare you a place. I shall return to take you with me, so that where I am you may be too.” We can take comfort in the fact that the Disciples, who knew Jesus personally, lacked understanding. Thomas asks, in typical fashion, “Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

Such doubts can be important. Without them we may not ask the questions that we need to ask. Doubt is not a sign of weakness or lack of Faith but rather a step to the certainty we seek!

Jesus’ reply to Thomas, was crucial. “**I AM THE WAY.....**No one can come to the Father except through me.” When in doubt, let us always turn to Jesus because, He **IS** the Way.