

Today is the second Sunday in Ordinary Time.

In today's gospel, John the Baptist recalls his experience of Jesus' baptism and how he came to believe. Have you ever thought about how you came to believe?

John tells us that he did not know Jesus as the Messiah yet he continued to follow what God had asked of him – to call others to a repentance and forgiveness of sin in anticipation of the coming of the Messiah. He said he knew Jesus when he saw the Spirit of God descend upon him.

For John, seeing was believing – but that did not make all the difference. Even in his unknowing he continued to follow what he believed was the call of God. Maybe believing was seeing....

What about us? How have we come to know Jesus in our lives – really know him – personally and as the Messiah? Have you had an experience that changed your life – your way of knowing God in our world...in you? Was seeing believing for you?

What is it like to follow Jesus when we, like John, don't know? What keeps us going? Is it a vague knowing....an intuition....a prompting of the Spirit? Or is believing seeing?

Either way....or both ways....may we have the courage to follow the call of God – in our knowing and our unknowing.