

Sermon Summary

Trinity Sunday

3rd June 2012

- I had a visit from the Jehovah's Witnesses the other week.
- They weren't put off by the little tag stating the house had been blessed by a bishop.
- I refused their generous offer of a copy of the Watch Tower.
- I annoyed them by saying they didn't believe Jesus was God.
- They got miffed.
- I qualified it by saying as part of the Trinity.
- They told me the Trinity wasn't in Scripture. I begged to differ, admitting that the Nicean and Chalcedonian creeds are not found in Scripture.
- I asked them to depart from their heresy, arguing that , in no uncertain terms, the Bible presents Jesus (the Logos) as God, but not as the father, and distinct from the Spirit (who has the same status, even being called "another Paraclete" by John)
- I requested them not to worship Jesus if they did not believe in this faith- for to do so would make them guilty of idolatry- worshipping either a heavenly creature or a man in ways fit only for God.
- I even suggested they learn Greek to find out what the original language says (not their translation)
- Every translation loses something of the original.
- I am sure they left unconvinced.
- This is however the orthodox Christian faith: that Jesus is God who becomes human for our sake, and shares his divinity with the Spirit and the Father.
- It is not ours to water down, even if it defies a full clear explanation
- A God whom we can fully explain is not God, but our creation, even our idol.
- Good theologians have always pointed out that we can never fully use our limited words to do justice to the fullness of God.

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