

**“IS THERE HOPE? THE FASCINATION OF THE DISCOVERY”**

# 17. Perceiving that fact

“Two thousand years ago, a fact fulfilled the infinite longing of women and men. Today discourses or rules, or reading the story in a book may be important but they cannot suffice for us. The human heart has not changed; the need for fullness has remained identical and only a fact can correspond to it. [...]

Thus, that ‘fact’ of two thousand years ago must be something we can perceive today as it was for the first ones who encountered Jesus. But how can you and I, how can people today encounter this presence two thousand years later? What face, what features does it have? ‘Jesus Christ, that man of two thousand years ago, is concealed, becomes present, under the curtain, under the aspect of a different humanity [...]: it is the experience of a different humanity that surprises us because it corresponds to the structural needs of the heart more than any modality of our thought or imagination. We did not expect it. We would never have dreamed it. It was impossible. It cannot be found elsewhere.’ [L. Giusani] [...]

This dynamic can, or rather must happen also to those who have already had a certain encounter and live soaking in an experience like the Christian one, otherwise after the encounter you slide into the skepticism of Montale.”

(J. Carrón, *Is There Hope? The Fascination of the Discovery*, HAB, Tampa & Denver 2021, pp. 66-67).

**Where can you perceive this “fact”?**

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