 Reading time: 1 min.

Conversation between a man recently converted to Christ and an unbelieving friend:
“So you were converted to Christ?”
“Yes.”
“Then you must know a lot about him. Tell me, in what country was he born?”
“I don’t know.”
“How old was he when he died?”
“I don’t know.”
“How many books did he write?”
“I don’t know.”
“You definitely know very little for a man who claims to have converted to Christ!”
“You are right. I am ashamed of how little I know about him. But what I do know is this: three years ago, I was a drunkard. I was deep in debt. My family was falling apart. My wife and children dreaded my return home every night. But now I have stopped drinking; we no longer have debts; ours is now a happy home; my children look forward to my coming home in the evening. All this Christ has done for me. And this is what I know about Christ!”

What matters most is precisely how Jesus changes our lives. We must emphasise this strongly: following Jesus means changing the way we see God, others, the world, and ourselves. Compared to that sponsored by current opinion, it is another way of living and another way of dying. This is the mystery of “conversion”.