

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

# 15. “The unexpected has happened”

“‘We’ve found the Messiah.’ This news has travelled all through history: what our hearts awaited expectantly has made itself present. The unexpected of which Montale spoke has happened, in a place and in a time. This news has travelled through history since the day John and Andrew came upon Jesus of Nazareth on the shores of the Jordan River, a little more than two thousand years ago.

We who have been reached by this news find ourselves in front of the problem of its trustworthiness. Is Jesus of Nazareth truly who He says He is? Is He truly God made man? In fact, let’s consider the content of the announcement. What supposedly happened? The unknown object of our expectancy, the infinite our heart yearns for, the ‘boundless’ became a man, made Himself present. ‘The Word became flesh.’”

(J. Carrón, *Is There Hope? The Fascination of the Discovery*, HAB, Tampa & Denver 2021, pp. 64–65)

**What does this announcement have to do with your life today?  
What experience could you get from your attending (or declining to attend) the winter vacation?**

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