

## **Easter 2016**

The fragility of our era is this, too: we don't believe that there is a chance for redemption; for a hand to raise you up; for an embrace to save you, forgive you, pick you up, flood you with infinite, patient, indulgent love; to put you back on your feet.

When you feel his merciful embrace, when you let yourself be embraced, when you are moved—that's when life can change, because that's when we try to respond to the immense and unexpected gift of grace, a gift that is so overabundant it may even seem "unfair" in our eyes.

Pope Francis

When the centurion saw Jesus, when the Samaritan woman felt herself looked at and described in detail, when the woman taken in adultery heard him say, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and do not sin any more," when John and Andrew saw that face look on them intently and speak to them, they were immersed in his presence. To be immersed in the presence of Christ who gives us his justice, to look at him: this is the conversion that fundamentally changes us. In other words, it leaves us forgiven. It is enough to look at him again, to think of him again, and we are forgiven.

Luigi Giussani

## **Communion and Liberation**

Jean de Dieu, *Christ and the Woman Taken in Adultery* (circa 1680), ambulatory, Cathedral of Chartres, France.  
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