

## GOSPEL PEARLS

# I have come to set the earth on fire

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Jesus said to his disciples:

“I have come to set the earth on fire,  
and how I wish it were already blazing!

There is a baptism with which I must be baptized,  
and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!

Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth?

No, I tell you, but rather division.

From now on a household of five will be divided,  
three against two and two against three;

a father will be divided against his son

and a son against his father,

a mother against her daughter

and a daughter against her mother,

a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law

and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.”

(Lk 12:49-53)