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## Open hearts can be filled

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*The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his own brother*

*Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter). (John 1: 35-42)*

Jesus' first disciples followed Him to His home to see how and where He lived and where he received the basis of His teaching. In this way, they had already opened the house of their own hearts to their Master. In such conditions, proclaiming the Gospel is always effective, even if it follows paths that are unpredictable to us. We must ensure that our hearts are always very open to God so that He can fill them with His love. Thus, we are able to love Him above all other things and our neighbour as ourselves.