



[Jesus said,]  
"Come to me,  
all you who labor  
and are burdened,  
and I will give  
you rest."  
MATTHEW 11:28

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## Do You Know Who I Am?

**T**hat question usually means: "Do you know how important I am?" Reputation, status, and celebrity are extraordinarily significant in today's society. Vulnerable, unsure beings that we are, we need to be reassured that we are important. And we *are* important, though usually not the way society might perceive it.

Each of us is unique. Yet our personal uniqueness does not diminish the uniqueness of others, and there's the rub! So often we think that it does. That's when we might try to put others down or demand: "Do you know who I am?" Often we don't really know who we are. This is where humility enters the picture.

In today's first reading, the king rides on a donkey. He doesn't need a mighty warhorse to show others his importance or to reassure himself of his royal identity. Nor does he need military armaments like a chariot or bow to establish peace. He is secure with himself. He knows who he is—no more, but no less.

The Gospel portrays Jesus as "meek and humble of heart" (Matthew 11:29). He knows who he is. He is the Son of the Father, sent by the Father to do the will of the Father. All things are in his hands, because he received everything from the Father. He does not have to broadcast this or argue with others to convince them. He knows who he is. He is the Son—no more, but no less.

And what about you? Do you know who you are?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR *Reflection*

- \* Do you sometimes put others down so that you can stand taller? Does it work?
- \* Be grateful for your uniqueness. Use it to make the world you share with others better.

