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But he passed through the midst of them and went away

Today, when Jesus speaks to his people in the synagogue of Nazareth, He reveals himself to be a true prophet. When He is then brought to the brow of the hill, he shows himself to be greater than Moses. Before the children of Israel there is the Red Sea they cannot cross. Behind them, there is the entire army of the Pharaoh come to lead the people of the Lord back to Egypt. There is no salvation, since there are no viable human ways. Here is the great difference between Moses and Jesus. The Lord is the one who says to Moses to part the sea. Jesus is the One who part the crowds. There are no human powers that can obstruct the mission of salvation the Father has entrusted to Him. When the mission is ended, then He will be the One who will hand himself over to their hands. However, once again, He will first attest that the forces of evil have no power over Him. Every Word of Jesus reveals the mystery that must be fulfilled in Him. But also each of his gesture shows how great his wisdom, intelligence, omnipotence is. It is enough to compare the works of the prophets and those of Jesus and the difference is unveiled in its divine, eternal truth.

Jesus is also different from every man. Every man is son of Abraham and shares his heritage of sin, death, falsity, darkness. Jesus is the Only Begotten Son of the Father who becomes son of Adam. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, He is born of the Virgin Mary in his most pure humanity. Sin, darkness, falsity, lie have never touched him. He is equal to us in all things, but in sin. Between Jesus and every man the difference is his before that is divine and eternal. It is also being Him the Creator and the Redeemer of every man. Deprived, Christ Jesus, of his divine and eternal truth in the immaculate and most holy flesh, one makes Him just a philanthropist. Today, even of the disciples does one want them to be turned into philanthropist, philanthropists incapable to bring true salvation to their brothers, though, since the salvation of the world is Christ Jesus, true God and true man. Not only true God, but also true man. May the Virgin Mary, true Mother of God, help us believe and die in this faith.

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LAMP UNTO MY FEET

Accommodated Gospel, accommodated Christ Jesus

The one who accommodates the Gospel accommodates: God our Father in his mystery of eternal source of every life and holiness; Christ Jesus in his mystery of eternal generation from the Father, Incarnation, Redemption, Salvation, Light, Truth, Eternal Life, Peace, Resurrection, universal Mediation, Elevation of every man; the Holy Spirit in his mystery of communion, regeneration, sanctification, Giver of every gift, Creator of every motion, inspiration, vocation, ministry, mission; the mystery both of man's sin and of his vocation to the immortal joy in the eternal tent of the Lord our God; the mystery of the entire life of man on our earth. Here is why it is lawful to none to accommodate the Gospel. Every accommodation leads to the destruction of the mystery. Since man is mystery from the mystery of God, called to be mystery in the mystery of Christ Jesus, accommodating the Gospel is destroying man in his truth of origin and of purpose. Accommodation do not appear at a first sight since they are not a total and immediate distortion of the entire Gospel. The cunning, the science, the art of Satan precisely consists of that:

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in cutting a small branch from the tree of the Gospel every day. If one takes away a very small branch, no one realises it. But whether you cut today and you cut tomorrow, at the end only a trunk with the roots to the sunlight remains of the tree of the Gospel. Since this trunk has been seriously damaged, it takes years before it may recover, even if we plant it again with good will, burrowing its roots in the soil of the supernatural truth placed in it by the Holy Spirit. But by now we do not even attempt to do that.

Today the world has fully entered our faith and it is turning it into his image and likeness, entirely at the service of its sin and of its iniquity.

But even if there were a man of good will of earth and he wanted to put the Holy Spirit and his divine, supernatural, eternal truth into heart again, he might not even it.

We are in the same condition in which Pilates finds himself. Although he had acknowledged the innocence of Jesus, although he has proposed his liberation more times, he finally surrenders to the cries of the crowd becoming more and more high and persisting. Today, even the Christian

with the fullest of good will is led to hand over the Gospel so that it is crucified and to take the will and the thoughts of the world as his own will and his own thoughts. The conditions of these "heroes" of the Gospel is very sad, but the surrender to the world is inevitable. At the end, one get tired and surrenders. The world has won. It wins because of its devilish and satanic technique. The satanic technique is well-known today: it begins with mockery and outrages, it goes on with the wicked allegations, the calumnious reams of accusations lasting years and years, menaces, loathsome denunciations, the cordate of evildoers with more and more new forces, the use of one's own authority at the service of evil. Today Satan is teaching more and more new modalities to purge the Church from those ones who still have at heart some sparks of love for the defence of the Gospel and of its most pure truth. It is not the world that is acting with these modalities, it is the own disciples of the Lord who do. Today one says that the Gospel is to be kept closed and sealed in the most remote locker of our conscience. For the ones who think with the Gospel, there is no place on the stage of history. Whoever wants to go on this stage will necessarily have to go on with an accommodated Gospel. For those who believe in the Gospel, there is only the stage of the Golgotha.



IF YOU LISTEN...

Do whatever he tells you

The Father of heavens, in the Holy Spirit, has constituted the Virgin Mary his eyes in heaven and on earth. He has entrusted the ministry of vision to Her. She sees what is lacking, what is perfect, what is imperfect, what is to be added, what is to be taken away, what is to be improved, what is to be perfected. Whom does She have to show what her eyes see? To her Son: Christ Jesus. This is before Jesus gave Her all his Apostles as her true children and every other member of his body. Today whom does the Virgin Mary have to show what She has seen? First, to the Apostles. Then to each disciple of Jesus. She is still the One who always sees the person to whom She has to show what She has seen. Our heavenly Father has granted Her this vision, too. This is the truth, that is revealed in the evangelic narration of the wedding of Cana. The Virgin Mary shows Christ what is lacking. She says to the servants what they have to do. A new Marian piety is born, must be born, from this truth that will not just have to be that coming from us to her heart

rich in mercy, piety, compassion, with endless request of prayer. The descendant relation is born: the one that must come from her heart to ours. That of our obedience to each of her desire.

If this descendant Marian piety is lacking in us, the table of humanity will always be with no wine of grace, of truth, of peace, since a primary, essential relation, constitutive of our Marian piety is lacking: listening to each of her desire arising from her most perfect vision in the Holy Spirit. If the Virgin Mary says that our ecclesial table is without the Gospel, one must bring the Gospel and one brings the Gospel through a miracle that it is not up to Jesus to be performed, but it is up to the disciple whom the Virgin Mary asks, has asked, will ask for it. Everything is from the faithfulness to the request made to us by the Mother of God. She sees with the eyes of the Father, in the Holy Spirit. In the Holy Spirit She speaks with the mouth of her Son to us. If we listen with the ear of the Father in the Holy Spirit and if we act with the power of the

grace of Christ the Lord, what She has asked might always be fulfilled. If today She says that the table of the Church there is no Gospel, it is useless to bring other things. The Gospel is lacking and the Gospel is to be brought. Who has to bring the Gospel? The one or the ones whom She has asked to bring it. It is a mission that ends when our life on earth ends. If we do not obey or transform the obedience, the table remains without the Gospel.

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FROM JACOB'S WELL

The Christ we found yesterday was beauty of yesterday, while we know that Jesus is beauty more and more newer, more and more brighter, more and more shining. Being He divine, eternal, supernatural and human beauty, one must never stop seeking Him. What has been fixed in heart or on paper by Him needs a perennial updating. Neither can we think that one may seek Jesus with the heart of yesterday, the eyes of yesterday, the soul of yesterday, the feelings of yesterday. Man was made of love. Christ Jesus is the love with which the Father wants to knead every man in the Spirit. If Christ is not kneaded in man, he lacks in his natural and supernatural essence and might never love.

IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Responses of Faith

Is it true that the Christian is the one who, living of Christ, commits all his life to give "his" Christ to every other man? If it is true, what are we asked to do so that the gift of Christ is perfect?

Here is the truth taught to us in a divinely sublime way by the Apostle Paul. He lives and dies for Christ. He lives running after Christ in order to reach Him: For to me life is Christ, and death is gain. If I go on living in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. And I do not know which I shall choose. I am caught between the two. I long to depart this life and be with Christ, (for) that is far better. Yet that I remain (in) the flesh is more necessary for your benefit. And this I know with confidence, that I shall remain and continue in the service of all of you for your progress and joy in the faith (Phil 1, 21-25) It is evident that Christ can neither live in us, nor die in us in a death of crucifixion of our body, if we do not run after Him. He ahead and we behind Him. When Christ Jesus is no longer before our eyes, since we chase words that are of men, then our race is over and Christ might no longer be given by us. We may always give a false Christ, but we can never give the true Christ. He does not live in us his mystery of death for the salvation of every man.

Here is what the Apostle Paul says about his race in order to reach Christ Jesus: It is not that I have already taken hold of it or have already attained perfect maturity, but I continue my pursuit in hope that I may possess it, since I have indeed been taken possession of by Christ

(Jesus). Brothers, I for my part do not consider myself to have taken possession. Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus. (Phil 3, 12-14) As Christ Jesus gives us the Father and the Holy Spirit through his obedience, with which He walks after the Father, led by the Holy Spirit up to the Golgotha, so we also give only the Christ living in us. Giving the Christ living in us, we give Christ and everything that is in Christ. Today

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the Christian, since Christ does no longer lives his life of death for the salvation of humanity in him, assumes that it is useless to give Him to others. This thought is fruit of his detachment, of his separation from Christ. Only the lived Christ can be the given Christ. The non-lived Christ is always the non-given Christ. If the Christian does not live of Christ in his heart, in his soul, in his body, it is useless to hope that he may give Him to others. He gives others a false truth about Christ since false is his life in Christ. May the Mother of God help us so that the entire Christ lives in us.

IN THE NEXT ISSUE

Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men

God constitutes the Virgin Mary his eyes in history

Those who hear the word of God and observe it

We know that it is obligation of the Christian to obey his own ministry, charisma, mission, vocation. I would ask: why is this obedience extremely necessary, better indispensable?

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