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And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said

A Church that does not speak to the Church according to purity of truth and of doctrine, in the Holy Spirit, might never speak to the world. A Church that no longer proclaims its mystery to itself that is from the mystery of Christ Jesus, and one lives all things in the mystery of Christ Jesus, what might it proclaim to the world? The Church must always imitate its Teacher and Lord. For three years, Jesus has always spoken to his disciples. Here is the great mighty deed fulfilled by Jesus the Lord: He has formed twelve Apostles and his mission receives the multiplication of forces with them around the world. To the mission of Jesus, the Apostles associate presbyters, deacons and every other member of the body of Christ, and the mission of Jesus can be lived in every part of the world. This is our great sin. We no longer form. Teaching a doctrine is not forming to fulfil the mission of Jesus the Lord. It is impossible to form to the mission of Christ Jesus with hate into heart, falsity in mind, sin in soul, prejudice in thoughts, mistake and false doctrine on mouth. To form for the mission of Jesus, one must be as holy as Jesus is, as

pure as Jesus is, as free as Jesus is, as true as Jesus is.

Jesus speaks to his disciples, namely He speaks to those He has chosen and that walk with Him. To them He puts into heart a divine, eternal truth, of truth and of love. They must always remain in his Word, in every moment of their life that may be of poorness, cry, great sufferance, crucifixion for the Gospel, persecution, mockery, even deprivation of their physical freedom, as imprisoned and kept under guard. If they are able to always keep the flame of the Gospel, of the Word, of truth, of forgiveness, of mercy lighted in their heart, if they refrain themselves from replying to evil with evil, but if they reply, always

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remaining in the Gospel, then his Father will give them providence, help, support, consolation, nourishment, joy, eternal life. Instead, those who are not his disciples, since they do not listen to his Word, do not live according to his Gospel, they have life in their hands and this will escape them. Mother of wisdom, obtain for us the grace of living and dying remaining in the most pure Gospel.

LAMP UNTO MY FEET

In the mystery of redemption is the fulfilment of the mystery of creation

Who is the Christian? He is every baptized that, day after day, through the work of the Holy Spirit and of the Church, lets himself be made new creature in Christ Jesus. What is the purpose of his being new creature in Christ? The purpose is double: growing, he, as true body of Christ; growing as true body of Christ, building up the body of Christ both with the adding of new members and by helping every other member of the body of Christ to grow as true body of Christ, as well. The body of Christ is the new humanity to create on our earth since the new humanity, that one creates daily, fulfils the creation entrusted to man by God at the moment of his origin. Man, since he was made because of his sin, namely destroyed and shattered man in his truth of origin, might never fulfil the mission his Creator and Lord has entrusted to him. Not even the renewed, recomposed man, made new creature, might never fulfil this mission of origin. He might fulfil his mission of origin only fulfilling the second mission, the one that he was entrusted by his faith in the mystery of redemption. What is this mission? Letting himself be formed body of Christ by the Holy Spirit day after day and forming the body of Christ day after day according to the Laws that rule

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this body. If the body of Christ is not formed, neither the purpose of redemption is reached by us. Without the purpose of redemption reached, one might never reach the purpose of creation. Everything is from the body of Christ, for the body of Christ, in the body of Christ. One is not fulfilled as body of Christ and no other purpose is fulfilled.

Faith is not only harmonization of all the revealed truths. It is also wise and knowledgeable deduction, by argumentation and by sound analogy, of all the consequences a truth of obeyed or disobeyed faith bears with itself. We know the purpose of our redemption that is building oneself up as true body of Christ. Letting ourselves be made true body of Christ by the Holy Spirit every day, the Holy Spirit also creates us as his true instruments so that He may create the body of Christ as more and more beautiful and brighter. In creating the body of Christ, He creates the new humanity that must make all things new. Thus, we fulfil the mission of creation that has been entrusted, given as true purpose of our being at the moment of our origin. Now, if every member of the body of Christ is called to let himself be created as true body of Christ by the Holy Spirit and also to let himself be made instrument,

so that He, the Holy Spirit, may form, raise, build up the body of Christ, how is it possible that many members of the body of Christ declare Christ useless to form the new humanity, affirming that man is a man with no need of Christ? This means that, from himself, man can return from darkness into light, from foolishness and ignorance into wisdom and from his natural fragility that consumes him in sin to a life of grace and light. History has always disproven, disproves, will disprove these false prophets. Either one accepts the purpose of redemption and builds the new humanity in Christ or there will be no possibility of fulfilling the purpose of creation. Only respecting and daily living the purpose of redemption, we can respect and live the purpose of creation. We have been created for Christ. We can live the mission of creation in Christ. May the Mother of Jesus help us live of most pure

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IF YOU LISTEN...

And from that hour the disciple took her into his home

Who is the Virgin Mary for a disciple of Jesus? She is the only one who knows the true Christ of God, the true Messiah of the Lord. She is the only one who can watch over our life so that no false Christ enters our heart. She is the only one who knows the heart of Christ and every Word that poured from it and this is why She is the only one who can help us so that no false Gospel is received by us. If we receive a false Christ in our heart, it is sign that we are ruled by a false Gospel. It is also a sign that we worship a false God and, consequently, we build a false humanity. Today, if we are turning into builders of worships - our God is a graven image, he is without truth; our Christ is a graven image, without truth; our Holy Spirit is a graven image, he is without truth; even our Gospel is a graven image, it is without truth - this is happening because even the Virgin Mary has been reduced to a graven image. She is without truth, as well.

No one be deceived. If we do not clothe the Virgin Mary with most

pure truth, even if we bow down before one of her image, it is before a graven image that we bow down and we might bow down to deceive our brothers of faith and non-faith. Even the worship is idolatry, if it lacks in its truth. No disciple of Jesus must let himself be deceived by the acts of idolatry he daily sees with his eyes. This will never happen if the Virgin Mary, clothed with all her truth, will always be in the heart and in the soul of the disciple of Jesus. Whether one makes a graven image of the Virgin Mary, everything will become idolatry. Nothing will remain in its most pure truth. The Christian is obliged to be careful. If he falls into idolatry, he is responsible of this sin eternally. The Virgin Mary is most pure grace given to us by Christ Jesus. She is the grace that must guard us in every other grace. With her, we will be safe. We will keep every grace. We will never fall into idolatry, source of every immorality. When a disciple of Jesus falls into immorality, he attests that the Virgin Mary he says he loves is a true graven image for him. She is a graven image since She is deprived

of her truth, of her will, of each of her desire. In immorality, even the worship toward the Virgin Mary is an idolatrous worship. This worship might never produce one only fruit of light for us. The sound morality will always attest if our worship for our heavenly Mother is true or false, if it is only word or also reality. Mother of the Christian, ensure that our love for you is testified by our holy life.

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FROM JACOB'S WELL

The Christian is the bearer in the world of the grace, of the truth, of the light, of the life, of the peace, of the forgiveness, of the reconciliation, of the redemption, of the salvation that Jesus the Lord is. How will he bear these gifts to his brothers? Becoming He, in Christ, grace, truth, light, life, peace, forgiveness, reconciliation, redemption, salvation, mercy, charity, perfect justice. The more he obeys Christ and the more he will conform to Christ. If he separates from the Gospel, the Christian will bear in the world his miserable, poor, despicable humanity. The fact that today we no longer speak about Him, it is the sign that we are not in Him and He is not in us. One speaks about Christ by transformed nature. A transformed nature in Christ will always manifest and speak about Christ, it will always proclaim and give Christ as its unique fruit.

IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Responses of Faith

What is necessary so that we can say to be disciples of Jesus? Is it enough to live the Gospel or is anything else needed? If the Gospel is enough, how should one live it?

The one who wishes to say to be a disciple of Jesus must first know who He is. Jesus is the One who always remains in the Gospel, He never leaves it. Does he walk for the streets of Palestine? He remains in the Gospel. Is He in the temple of the Lord? He remains in the Gospel. Does He speak to the scribes, the Sadducees, the Herodians, the Zealots? He remains in the Gospel. Is He before any person? He remains in the Gospel. Is he captured? He remains in the Gospel. Is the before the Sanhedrin? He remains in the Gospel. Is He before Pilates? He remains in the Gospel. Is He scourged? He remains in the Gospel. Is He spitted? He remains in the Gospel. Is He crowned with thorns? He remains in the Gospel. Is He ridiculed, scorned, mocked, humiliated? He remains in the Gospel. Is He calumniated? He remains in the Gospel. Is He crucified? He remains in the Gospel. Does He rise? He remains in the Gospel. Does He rise up to Heaven? He remains in the Gospel. Does He seat at the right hand of the Father? He remains in the Gospel. Does He exercise the ruling of heaven and earth from the right hand of the Father? He remains in the Gospel. Will He come to judge the living and the dead one day? He remains in the Gospel. Does He say a Word? He remains in the Gospel. Does He fulfil a miracle? He remains in the Gospel. Does He not say a Word? He remains in the Gospel. Does He not fulfil a word? He remains in the Gospel.

Why is Jesus always in the Gospel? Because He is always in the Holy Spirit and He always lets himself be moved and led by Him. He is always in the Gospel because He grows in wisdom and grace every day. The Gospel is his heart and his Word. The Gospel is his life. His life is his Gospel. This is why He is the Universal Teacher. If Jesus always remains in the Gospel, whoever wishes to be his disciple must always remain in the Gospel, as well. He cannot be of Christ and of the prince of the world, of light and of foolishness, of the kingdom of God and of the kingdom of sin. If one is of darkness, one is not of light. If one is of hate, one is not of love. If one is of the world, one is not of God. Whoever hates, calumnies, threats evil, whoever judges and condemns, whoever spreads infamous accusations, might never say to be of Christ Jesus. Whoever works evil belongs to the prince of the world. Now, a Christian and even more a presbyter, might never belong to the prince of the world. Here is then the only programme of the true disciple of Jesus: remaining in the Gospel, before every event, every person, every circumstance. Anything happens in his life, he must always remain in the Gospel. His life and the Gospel must be one only thing. May our heavenly Mother help us.

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For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you

Gift of one's own daily holiness

God sent his Son, born of a woman

Is there a programme of immutable Christian life or should each one give himself a life programme so that he may become a good disciple of Jesus one day?

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