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This is my chosen Son. Listen to Him!

Jesus takes three of his disciples on the mountain and is transfigured. He removes for one moment the veil of flesh that hid his divinity and appears in the splendour of his divine and eternal light. No one has never been made partaker of such vision. No one had never seen such a bright light. Jesus was of divine nature. He is God. His light reveals it. Moses and Elijah, the Law and the Prophets, appear to confirm that the way of Jesus passes through the Golgotha. Only going up to the cross, he could have taken possess of his kingdom. The Law and the Prophets are with Christ Jesus. They are not with the Apostles. They are not with the men with a highly pagan mindset. What Christ Jesus has revealed to them so far about his imminent departure in Jerusalem is truth. It is the truth of Jesus. The Scripture knows no other ways. Now the Apostles know that their thought is not in the Scripture. That of Christ is in the Scripture, instead.

A cloud cast a shadow over the disciples. The cloud is powerful sign of the presence of the Lord. The disciples are surrounded by God, surrounded by his cloud. From the cloud, a voice comes:

"This is my chosen Son; listen to him." What does the Father attest and certify? That Jesus is his Son, the chosen. Jesus is his Son and He is his Messiah. His Son, his chosen, his Messiah must be listened. The three disciples are given a command: they must cease to listen to their heart. They must cease to listen to the heart of the other disciples. They must cease to listen to the heart of any other man that is in the world. All the

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other voices must be trampled under their feet. They must only listen to the Son of God, his chosen, his Messiah. Today the Christians listen to anthropologists, sociologists, psychologists, scientists, commentators, every man of this world. The one who is not listened is only Christ Jesus. The one that is put aside is only his most pure Gospel. If the Gospel is put aside, it is Christ who is put aside and it is his cross that disappears. When the cross disappears, the hope of humanity disappears, since our hope is only from the cross of Jesus the Lord. May the Mother of God obtain for us the grace to always and only listen to her Son.

LAMP UNTO MY FEET

The legion and the individual

The greater is hate against truth, against Christ Jesus, against his Gospel and the more violent is the opposition that is what works in hiddenness. That hidden direction rules the entire hate against the Gospel. We can compare this hidden opposition to an iceberg. From time to time, some ice spikes appear in history, but the mass remains well hidden and always ready to multiply his destructive force. One sends a "devil" into battle, but only to mislead, while the Legion of devils is intent on spewing hate against the Gospel, against Christ Jesus, against the Truth. The Legion knows how to keep well hidden. It never appears in its completeness. From time to time it has one of its legionary exposed, who disguises hate and shows up as interested only in the defence of Truth. The hate against the Gospel, against the Truth, against Christ the Lord always disguises itself with great hypocrisy, with great interest for the purity of the religion. What will the behaviour of the disciple of Jesus have to be before the hate of the Legion that wants his destruction and his first spiritual and then also physical death? The same Jesus

the Lord lived. He let himself be crucified by the Legion, from which He was always able to keep away with divine wisdom and intelligence. He has never fallen in one only trap the Legion always weaponized on his way to capture him.

When the Legion triumphs over a disciple of Jesus the Lord, the disciple should question himself, he must ask: "Am I a victim of the Legion because I have abandoned my Lord, I have betrayed Him, denied Him, I have sold Him over to his enemies and the Lord could nothing for me? Or am I victim of it because my God has wanted and wants to trial my love for Him, as He did with Job and in a fuller way with his Son, and know how much my heart is willing to deny itself for Christ Jesus and how must it cares, instead, for its

glory, its love, its little interests? Here is what the Apostle Paul asks every disciple of Jesus: his total denial upon the example of Jesus: "If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing. Do nothing out of selfishness

or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but (also) everyone for those of others. Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus, Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Phil 2, 1-11) Let whoever is in the Gospel, whoever lives of Gospel for the Gospel know that the victory of the Legion has been to trial his heart and the measure of his faithfulness. Let he know that this trial can last years. Then the Lord will come and He will give his consolation declaring his justice.

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IF YOU LISTEN...

Mary is clearly the Mother of the members

Maternity is a fact of nature. It can also be a fact of adoption. In the law of men, adoption is a judicial statute. In God, one does not apply the statute coming from the law of men. On the contrary, one applies the statute coming from the will of the Father. Let us attempt to enter the abyss of this mystery. Adoption, with which the Father makes us his children, in his Son Jesus Christ, is true generation, it is true participation of his divine nature and it is fulfilled through the work of the Holy Spirit who makes us true body of Christ, his true members. This most high mystery is fulfilled in the mystical womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In this womb, we are conceived and from this womb we are born as true children of Mary and true children of God, in Christ, his Son, true Son of God and true Son of Mary. Everything happens and is fulfilled in Her and in Christ, through the work of the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of the Baptism. It is truth. As we are true children of God, so we are true children of Mary, for participation of her

nature. We are not spiritually born of Her and we participate of his nature in the same way we participate of the divine nature. We are spiritual body and blood of the Mother of God. Mary is our true Mother. True maternity! True sonship!

If we do not begin from the maternity through participation of her nature, always through the work of the Holy Spirit, we understand nothing about the maternity of our Mother. However, if Mary is our true Mother, if we are her spiritual blood and flesh, then our relation with Her must necessarily be diverse and different and from any other relation with any other man and every other saint, too. In her mystical womb, we must remain in eternity, as we must remain in the divine womb of the Father in eternity if we want to grow as his true children. If we leave the mystical womb of Mary, we leave Christ, we leave the divine womb of the Father, we lose the communion of the Holy Spirit, we return into the slavery of sin and of death. The mystery of the Virgin Mary is great. Our relation with Her is of nature.

She is necessary to us, as the womb of the mother is necessary for a conceived child. If we want to be true children of God, we must always nourish ourselves with her blood and with her flesh. This is our great mystery. Mother of God, help us understand the mystery that is your maternity toward every disciple of Jesus, that through the work of the Holy Spirit has become your true child in your womb.

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FROM JACOB'S WELL

Every today is a grace of God. Even the today of the cross of Christ Jesus is grace of the Father. On the cross, Jesus is called to manifest to the world how much He loves the Father and He must manifest Him with his entire body, his soul, his spirit. Our history is a great mystery. However, it is a mystery that must receive fullness of fulfilment. The one who has to direct our history toward fullness and perfection are not us, but the Lord of it, our heavenly Father. He leads our history to its full fulfilment in Christ through the work of his Holy Spirit. We do not know where the Holy Spirit will lead us. We know only one thing: to the Spirit of God, one must give every obedience without turning back. This is the only condition to give full fulfilment to our life.

IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Responses of Faith

Why today, in the world, is there a fight against Christ Jesus with the intention of eliminating the Church from the earth? Can man quench the light of Christ Jesus, of the Gospel, of the Church forever?

Before Christ Jesus, most pure truth of the Father, before the Gospel, most pure truth of salvation and of redemption, before the Christian, light of the world and salt of earth, the word manifests how the heart is cultivated. If heart is cultivated with vices, the word will be of refusal of Christ, of the Gospel, of the light and of the wisdom that are manifested for the salvation. To accept the true Christ, the true Gospel, the true light, the true wisdom, it is necessary that one converts. One refuses conversion, one distances both from Christ and from the Gospel, from the true light and from the true wisdom. However, the heart can also turn itself into the nature, and from heart filled with vices become heart of wickedness and evil. When this happens, the heart is no longer satisfied to distance itself from every source of truth and of light; it wants to destroy, to annihilate these sources. First, it will do that by spreading false testimonies, calumnies, lies, rumours. If this is not enough to quench the supernatural light, truth, wisdom, then it will pass to insults, to deceit, to declaration of foolishness. With Christ, the Pharisees and the scribes have come to attributing the most holy works coming from his Father to devil. Since not even these hellish accusations were able to quench his light, then one

thought it well to quench it by killing Him with the most infamous death, the death by crucifixion.

It is not in the power of man to overcome the Lord, though. One can quench the light for the first and the second day. The third day is always of the Lord and He might ignite the light when He wants and how He wants. In fact, not only did the light of Christ not remain quenched. The Father ignited it with the resurrection and with the descent of the Holy Spirit He multiplied the sources of the true light infinitively. Man quenches a source and the Father multiplies them. Man can quench the light, but the quenching is always for few hours, few days. Then, the Lord intervenes with his omnipotence and places his light on the lampstand. This does not mean that

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the fight of darkness against light is over. Darkness will never stop fighting. heir will is only one: quenching every source of light. They quench one and the Lord make other ten be born. No one might fight against the Lord and overcome Him. The disciple of Jesus know that, to obtain the final victory, he must pass through the great tribulation. He knows it and he prepares letting himself be fortified by the grace of Christ Jesus.

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The seeds of the Holy Spirit on the mystery of the Virgin Mary

Can we walk in the Gospel of Christ Jesus without be sustained by the grace? What is grace? Is grace solely for Christ and in Christ?

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