

# Dacci oggi il nostro pane

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## SEVENTH DAY

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### The Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head

James and John are still far from entering the most pure truth of Christ Jesus. Jesus is not a new Elijah. He has not come to make the fire come from heaven to consume all those who do not accept him or who do not respect him or who cause some harm to him. Jesus has come to give new light to the smouldering wick and to straighten the bruised reed. Now the entire humanity is a smouldering wick. It is entirely bruised as a reed, but he has come to enliven, raise, sanctify, straighten, make the entire world become his light. Jesus knows what the mission the Father has given Him is and He speaks and acts according to his mission. The disciples do not know what the Father has commanded to his Son and they always speak from their heart and their thoughts drawn from flesh. Today, not knowing the mission of Christ Jesus, we neither know the mission of the Church and this is why we always speak about the truth of the Church from the falsity and never from the most pure truth.

heart. Jesus was not given other places where to lay his head. Since only the heart of the Father governs Him, when the Father moves, Christ moves too. We can draw the heart of the Father with the chariot seen by the prophet Ezekiel (cf. Ez, 1, 1-28). Being the heart of the Father the chariot Jesus brings, when the chariot moves, Christ Jesus moves. When the chariot stops, Christ Jesus stops. If the chariot moves at

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night, Jesus moves at night. If the chariot goes toward the Golgotha, Christ Jesus moves toward the Golgotha. Jesus wants to be the chariot of each of his disciple and apostle. This is why even those who want to follow him have nowhere to rest their head. Their head is ti rest only on the heart of Christ and of the Holy Spirit. There is no other place on earth for them. If the heart rests even in one place on earth, one is no longer true disciple and true missionary of Christ Jesus.

Why has the Son of man nowhere to rest his head? Because his head can rest only in the Father's

## LAMP UNTO MY FEET

### The sound knowledge of Christ

In the Holy Spirit, we are not called to know Christ Jesus, in the same way as Christ Jesus knows his Father. In this knowledge one must never stop. If this knowledge does not grow, the risk for us is that of making a false knowledge, and every false knowledge is more damaging of the non-knowledge. Let us think for one only moment about the false knowledge the scribes and the Pharisees had of God, of their God. With this false knowledge all their religion was falsity and lie, their words were falsity and lie, their worship was falsity and lie, their teaching and their doctrine were falsity and lie. If we, disciples of Jesus, do not want to precipitate in their own falsity, rather in an even greater falsity, we must put every attention so that the Holy Spirit leads us to the fullness of truth.

Here some thoughts of ours saying that we do not have the true, pure, holy knowledge of Christ. If we say that all the religious ways are good to have the eternal life, it is evident that we do not know Christ Jesus. Neither

His most elementary truth are known to us. The Holy Spirit has revealed to us that the salvation of every man is fulfilled in Christ, not only through Christ and with Christ, but in Christ. It means that I have to become true body of Christ to have the salvation,

that is the return into my truth of nature, created by God in his image and likeness, rather in an even more sublime truth, since from God's image one passes to the sonship in Christ and to the participation of the divine nature. How can a disciple of Jesus think that all the religious ways are good, and that no one is more than the other ones, if Christ Jesus has said to all of us that, if we do not believe that He is God, the Word who was made flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary, we will die in our sins? If Jesus the Lord has revealed this about Him, can I, who attest to believe in Him, deny the truth of truth that makes the difference between Him and every other founder of religion, between his life and all the other ways?

If we say that the Gospel can no longer be preached to the world and not even the conversion to Christ can be asked, for it would be offensive for man's dignity, we are simply attesting that not only we do not know Christ Jesus, not only

we do not know who the true God is, neither do we know who man is: nature wrapped by death living under the slavery of sin. If the Father, in the Holy Spirit, has sent his Son for the redemption of the world to give man his truth again,

can we say that man does not need to return in his truth? If Christ the Lord has given express command to his disciples to go and to have all people disciple, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything he has commanded, can we abrogate a command that Jesus the Lord has received by the Father? If we abrogate the commands of Christ, we cannot certainly say to believe in Christ. We do not believe in Christ for we do not know Christ. If then we say that our God is the unique God, once again we know neither one only of the mysteries of our faith. The true God, the God who is the Lord and the Creator of heaven and of earth, who is in his divine and eternal essence, One in nature and Trinitarian in the Persons. If we say to believe in the unique God, we actually declare all our most holy faith, that is most pure revelation given to us by Christ Jesus and by the Holy Spirit, false and invented.

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## IF YOU LISTEN...

### Gross exaggeration and petty narrow-mindedness

**W**ith the Blessed Virgin Mary we leave eternity and divinity, we leave the eternal source and spring of every existing reality and we enter the creation. This truth is already sufficient and one will never speak about Mary with gross exaggeration. One falsely exaggerates if one speaks of the Virgin Mary and separates Her from the Father and from the Son and from the Holy Spirit. Now we know that the Virgin Mary is together work of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. One avoids to speak of Her with petty narrow-mindedness if one well highlights what the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit have worked in Her. Not only did they worked in Her, but also what they want to work through Her. If the Lord has given Her a mission never given to any other creature in the mystery of Redemption, who are we to devalue this mission? It is not a mission She has given to Herself and that we attribute to Her. It is a mission coming from the Father and from the Son and from the Holy Spirit. Knowing what the

Lord has done in the Virgin Mary and what He wants to do on earth and in heaven with Her is obligation for every Christian. Understanding it in its most pure truth of Spirit, with the help of its wisdom science and intelligence, is an obligation. Helping every other man so that one loves the Virgin Mary according to her most pure truth and, in loving Her, he speaks of Her from her most pure truth is an obligation.

When we speak of the Virgin Mary in the respect of the truth of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and also in the respect of the truth of Angels and of Saints, we will always speak of Her from her most pure faith that is truth created in Her by the Father and by the Son and by the Holy Spirit. Being She created truth, She might never be creating truth. Being She created grace, She might never be creating grace. Being She most pure grace, She might cooperate with the creating grace more than every other grace, so that the creating grace creates grace in every other grace. Here is how She has

cooperated with the creating grace: She gives the Father her body, her soul, her spirit and all herself in every atom of her being so that the Father through the means of the Holy Spirit accomplishes the mystery of his incarnation in the Son. There is no greater cooperation that this with the creating grace. Moreover, before the Cross of her Son, She was made Mother, so that in Her and through Her, always through the work of the Holy Spirit, the creating grace fulfils the redemption of every son of Adam, making him become true son of God in his Only Begotten Son and always through Her he is accompanied to let himself be made perfect image of Christ Jesus every day.

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FROM JACOB'S WELL

Everyone must be like Jesus the Lord: living of most pure faith and put ourselves at the service both to give birth to the faith in many hearts and to help the weak faith of those who have not still grown or are not still mature in faith. However, if we do not grow, we cannot help and through our little and frail faith many people can lose faith or fall in temptation. Sometimes very few simple words are enough so that in the one who is weak in faith the hope that will always arise from a true faith be strengthened. True faith, true hope. False faith, false faith. Dead faith, dead hope. One only words of ours can enliven or even kill it. Everything lies in the word of the Christian.

## IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Responses of Faith

### How does one come to the possession of the right knowledge of the Gospel? Is it only through the grace of the Holy Spirit or also through personal commitment of each one?

In order to have the sound knowledge of the Gospel, it is necessary that we make the Gospel become our mind and our heart. The entire heart of Christ Jesus is enclosed in it and in Jesus's heart the heart of the Father and the heart of the Holy Spirit is enclosed. The Gospel will have to be our daily nourishment. No one might speak according to the Gospel if the Gospel does not become his own life, his blood and his flesh. We know that the Lord had Ezekiel eaten the Roll of his Word (Ez 3, 1-9) The Apostle John, too, had to eat the Book of the Word of the Lord (Rev 10, 8-15). Ezekiel has eaten the Roll of the Word and he has lived the mission of prophet among his people. John, as well, eats the Book of the Word and describes all the visions the Lord has shown before his eyes in the Book of the Revelation. Can we say to know the Gospel, if we affirm that it can no longer be lived in our days and that it needs to be updated to the thought of the world? If we affirm that the sermon of the Mountain cannot be lived – and we know that Jesus has given his body and his blood to live according to his Word – then we attest nothing but that the Gospel is word without any wisdom of Holy Spirit. It is word given by a man to another man without knowing man.

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But not only has Jesus given the Word to man, not only did He know the man to whom the Word was given, He has also given man the Holy Spirit to make a new generation, making man participative of the divine nature. Now let us say it frankly: can a man be made participative of the divine nature not live according to the divine nature? If we say it, we affirm that in nature no creature might ever live according to his nature. A whale cannot swim. An eagle cannot fly. An animal cannot walk. A serpent cannot crawl. The water cannot be water and the wind cannot be wind. Jesus has not come to give a Law to man. He has come to create man new through the work of his Holy Spirit. Not only. He has given this new man divine food so that he may be able to have the divine nature live in him he was made participative of. Here is why

today we do not know the Gospel. We do not know it for we have emptied of its mysteries. We have simply made it a word to observe. By whom is this word of life to be observed? By a man who is in the death, who is slave of sin and prisoner of the thought of the world.

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The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few

Thy will be done

Sign of created hope and solace

If preaching the Gospel to each creature of every people, nation and language is a command of the Lord, why are many people saying that it is not to be preached today?

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