**Son, your sins are forgiven**

**FRIDAY JANUARY 15 (Mk 2, 1-12)**

A man is lowered from the roof into the house where Jesus was to be healed of his paralysis. Jesus does not care at all for that paralyzed body, but for the soul of man and tells him: *"Son, your sins are forgiven."* Some scribes present are scandalized and think in their hearts: *“Why is this man speaking like this? Blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?*". They think in their hearts. They say nothing with their mouths. Jesus gives a sign of his knowledge that he knows not only what appears and what men say, but also what they think. By showing this science of his, Jesus reveals himself as a true man of God, his true prophet. The Lord always manifests to his prophets what he is about to do, every decision he makes: *Hear this word, O men of Israel, that the LORD pronounces over you, over the whole family that I brought up from the land of Egypt: You alone have I favored, more than all the families of the earth; Therefore I will punish you for all your crimes. Do two walk together unless they have agreed? Does a lion roar in the forest when it has no prey? Does a young lion cry out from its den unless it has seized something? Is a bird brought to earth by a snare when there is no lure for it? Does a snare spring up from the ground without catching anything? If the trumpet sounds in a city, will the people not be frightened? If evil befalls a city, has not the LORD caused it? Indeed, the Lord GOD does nothing without revealing his plan to his servants, the prophets. The lion roars - who will not be afraid! The Lord GOD speaks - who will not prophesy! (Am 3,1-8).* As a true prophet, Jesus can forgive sins. Nathan, prophet of the living God, announced to David the forgiveness of his sin. *"Your sin is forgiven."* The Revelation is also this truth.

*When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it became known that he was at home. Many gathered together so that there was no longer room for them, not even around the door, and he preached the word to them. They came bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. Unable to get near Jesus because of the crowd, they opened up the roof above him. After they had broken through, they let down the mat on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Child, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there asking themselves, "Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming. Who but God alone can forgive sins?" Jesus immediately knew in his mind what they were thinking to themselves, so he said, "Why are you thinking such things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, pick up your mat and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth" - he said to the paralytic, "I say to you, rise, pick up your mat, and go home." He rose, picked up his mat at once, and went away in the sight of everyone. They were all astounded and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this.".*

Jesus knows the mind and heart of the scribes. He knows that they are unable to sustain a theological dispute founded on the truth of Scripture, of which they possess only an empty shell, without any light. He must reason with them with signs, with miracles, with facts. It's true. Not even the miracle will convert them to its truth, but the sign will attract those present to its side. He won’t be alone anymore. The people will be with him. In this way, in a public and clear way, they will not be able to set any threat to death. They will have to act in secret and in hiding. Since Jesus is a true prophet, indeed He is the Son of man, he can say: *"Your sins are forgiven,"* so he can also say: *"Get up, take your stretcher and go to your house."* Forgiveness had taken place invisibly. The scribes have seen nothing. Healing occurs visibly. They see everything and can no longer speak. What Jesus works on this day, his disciples will always have to do. They will have to operate invisibly and also visibly. Salvation is visible and invisible. It will always be through the visible that the invisible will be seen. However, the invisible must always be in the purest truth of the Gospel and so also the visible. A visible non-evangelical will never be the way for the invisible evangelical to be seen.

Mother of the Redemption, Angels, Saints, let the Gospel be our only truth.