**Who has ears to listen, listen!**

**WEDNESDAY JANUARY 27 (Mk 4, 1-20)**

Is man able to understand what the Lord says When He speaks, reveals, and manifests Himself? The understanding is to be done in the Holy Spirit. The more the presence of the Spirit of God grows in us, the more in us the understanding of every Word of the Lord grows. The less the Spirit grows, the less understanding we have. It is the Spirit who gives us, indeed He is the one who creates communion with the thoughts of the Father and the Son. The Spirit grows in us to the extent of our obedience to every command, law, will, word that our God has addressed or addresses to us. Little obedience, little understanding. A lot of obedience, a lot of understanding. Full obedience, full understanding. Whoever is in the grace of the Lord always understands the Word of the Lord. On the other hand, those who live in the heart of Satan will never be able to understand Him. Satan is the teacher of lies, falsehood, deception, misrepresentation of every Word of God and of Christ Jesus. Whoever dwells in the heart of Satan, because his house is the sin, not only understands nothing, moreover he feeds hatred within their heart not only against the revealed Word, but also against the Person who carries and gives the Word. When the Lord speaks and man does not understand, he is responsible for the lack of understanding. He could have understood. He is a man. He does not understand why he became the son of Satan and a follower of his teachings. However, his eternal responsibility remains.

*On another occasion he began to teach by the sea. A very large crowd gathered around him so that he got into a boat on the sea and sat down. And the whole crowd was beside the sea on land. And he taught them at length in parables, and in the course of his instruction he said to them, "Hear this! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Other seed fell on rocky ground where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep. And when the sun rose, it was scorched and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it and it produced no grain. And some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit. It came up and grew and yielded thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold." He added, "Whoever has ears to hear ought to hear." And when he was alone, those present along with the Twelve questioned him about the parables. He answered them, "The mystery of the kingdom of God has been granted to you. But to those outside everything comes in parables, so that 'they may look and see but not perceive, and hear and listen but not understand, in order that they may not be converted and be forgiven.'" Jesus said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? Then how will you understand any of the parables? The sower sows the word. These are the ones on the path where the word is sown. As soon as they hear, Satan comes at once and takes away the word sown in them. And these are the ones sown on rocky ground who, when they hear the word, receive it at once with joy. But they have no root; they last only for a time. Then when tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. Those sown among thorns are another sort. They are the people who hear the word, but worldly anxiety, the lure of riches, and the craving for other things intrude and choke the word, and it bears no fruit. But those sown on rich soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit thirty and sixty and a hundredfold."*

Jesus speaks in parables because it is necessary that the mystery of the kingdom be manifested to every creature. The kingdom is born with the sowing of the Word of God in every heart. Who has to sow the Word is the Father. The Father sows it through Christ Jesus. Christ Jesus sows it through his Apostles. Here is the first truth to understand. If the Apostle does not sow the Word of Jesus, the kingdom of God will never be born in hearts. The Apostle exists to go into the whole world and sow the seed of the Gospel in the hearts. The second truth to understand reveals to us that not all the scattered seed will produce. Much seed will remain fruitless, but part of the seed will certainly produce. The third truth says that not every seed will produce the same amount. If the sower sows, he will obtain.

Mother of the Redemption, Angels, Saints, help us to sow the Word of the Gospel.