**Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?**

**TUESDAY APRIL 6 (Jn 20, 11-18)**

Our faith is not given to a “Word” without “the Person” and neither to “the Person” without his “Word”. Faith and Person are one, just as the Person and the Word are one. Jesus says, as a conclusion to the Sermon on the Mount: "*Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock. And everyone who listens to these words of mine but does not act on them will be like a fool who built his house on sand. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. And it collapsed and was completely ruined.*" *(Mt 7, 24-27).* Mary of Magdala does not want the resurrection of Jesus. It is useless to know that Jesus is risen. She seeks Jesus, she wants Jesus because Jesus is her life. The truth is of Jesus, the resurrection is of Jesus. There is no resurrection without Jesus and neither does Jesus without his resurrection. Person and truth of the person are one thing, a single mystery, there must never be a division. The Commandments and the Lord do not exist. There are the Commandments of the Lord and the Lord of the Commandments. Obedience is not to the Commandments without the Lord, but it is to the Lord who gave the Commandments. The covenant is with the Lord on the foundation of the Commandments, not with the Commandments. Truth always to be kept in the heart. Obedience is always to the Lord. It is the truth of the Lord. It is to faith in the Lord. It is to faith in the Word of the Lord. Word, Lord, truth, faith, are one. Never Lord, Word, truth, faith, are separated or disjointed.

*But Mary stayed outside the tomb weeping. And as she wept, she bent over into the tomb and saw two angels in white sitting there, one at the head and one at the feet where the body of Jesus had been. And they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken my Lord, and I don't know where they laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus there, but did not know it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" She thought it was the gardener and said to him, "Sir, if you carried him away, tell me where you laid him, and I will take him." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni," which means Teacher. Jesus said to her, "Stop holding on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and tell them, 'I am going to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.' "Mary of Magdala went and announced to the disciples," I have seen the Lord, "and what he told her.*

Mary of Magdala must teach every disciple of Jesus that truth can never be separated from the Person and never the Person from his Word. Jesus, Word of Jesus, truth of Jesus, are one single mystery. The Christian loves the risen Jesus, seeks the risen Jesus, walks with the risen Jesus, testifies to the risen Jesus, lives in the risen Jesus, forming one body with him. All Christian morality is conformation to Christ in his annihilation until death on the cross in order to rise with him to immortal and eternal life. Even the sacraments are graces that work in us, by the power of the Holy Spirit, an ever-greater conformation to Christ Jesus. Christ is the life and joy of the disciples. When are the disciples in joy? Not when they believe that Jesus is risen, after seeing the tomb empty and well in order. They are in the joy of having seen the Risen Jesus in the Upper Room. Mary of Magdala is also in joy and wants to hold back Jesus after seeing him risen, appearing before her eyes. But when is joy perfect? When the Risen Christ is announced to the disciples, and for the disciples the is made known to the whole world. The Risen Jesus must always be announced to the Church and to the world. If the Church does not proclaim the Risen Christ to herself with ever greater truth and adheres to him with ever greater faith, she will never be able to proclaim Him to the world. A well "*Christified*" Church can announce Christ to the world. A Church that does not know Christ, does not seek him, does not love him, does not believe in him, does not profess his Gospel, will never be able to announce it to the world. She will say words about Him. She will never be able to communicate Him.

Mother of the Redemption, Angels, Saints, make us true disciples of Jesus in fullness of faith.