**Proclaim the Gospel to every creature**

**SATURDAY APRIL 10 (Mk 16, 9-15)**

Both in the Gospels and in the Acts of the Apostles, Jesus, before his glorious ascension, gives his disciples only one command: to proclaim the Gospel to every creature. Each Evangelist adds modalities to this command, which is for everyone, always. Each mode gives full truth to the command. The command must be experienced paying attention to each added mode. Here's how each individual evangelist announces mission and mode: *"Then Jesus approached and said to them," All power in heaven and on earth Has Been given to me. Go, Therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit,* *teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Mt 28, 18-20). "Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures. And he said to them," Thus it is written that the Messiah would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And (behold) I am sending the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high. "(Lk 24, 45-49)" (Jesus) said to them again," Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. " And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained. " (Jn 20, 21-23).*

*“He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for "the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the holy Spirit. " When they had gathered together they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He answered them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. " (Acts 1, 3-8).*If salvation is in the preaching of the Gospel to all peoples, all peoples, all nations, all languages, all tribes, why is it taught today that every way is good for obtaining salvation? If true salvation is in Christ and in the Church, why is it preached that neither Christ nor the Church are needed anymore to enter eternal life? What has changed: God, Christ Jesus, the Holy Spirit, faith, the Gospel, the truth, the command? Or, instead, is changed the heart of the man who no longer believes in Christ?

*When he had risen, early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons. She went and told his companions who were mourning and weeping. When they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe. After this he appeared in another form to two of them walking along on their way to the country. They returned and told the others; but they did not believe them either. (But) later, as the eleven were at table, he appeared to them and rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart because they had not believed those who saw him after he had been raised. He said to them, "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.*

Mark the Evangelist reveals that Jesus does not wait for a full faith in his mystery before sending his disciples into the world to preach the Gospel to every creature. He gives them the lead. While they are obeying, they believe. While they are believing, they obey. Faith begins with obedience to the command received. One lives the command; one carries it out every day and every day one grows in faith. When one no longer obeys the command, it is then that one falls from the faith and settles down on an empty religiosity made up of an external cult, without any participation of either the soul or the spirit. The more one does not obey the command, the more one falls from faith. It is happening today.

Mother of the Redemption, Angels, Saints, make us true missionaries of Christ Jesus in the world.