***Lord, what about him?***

**SATURDAY MAY 22 (Jn 21,20-25)**

Between the fact and the interpretation of the fact, the thought of man is introduced, a thought at times of falsity, lie, error, of distorting every word. Some examples can help. Jesus says to a man: "*Your sins are forgiven*" and some scribes accuse Jesus of blasphemy. A similar accusation leads to stoning: “*He entered a boat, made the crossing, and came into his own town. And there people brought to him a paralytic lying on a stretcher. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Courage, child, your sins are forgiven." At that, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." Jesus knew what they were thinking, and said, "Why do you harbor evil thoughts? Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins " - he then said to the paralytic," Rise, pick up your stretcher, and go home. " He rose and went home." (Mt 9, 1-7)* If the heart is pure, even if the lie never enters the interpretation, it could always mean one thing instead of another. It is easy to say things that have never been said.

A truly diabolical and satanic interpretation was the one made by the Pharisees after the liberation of a man possessed by an impure spirit: *“Then they brought to him a demoniac who was blind and mute. He cured the mute person so that he could speak and see. All the crowd was astounded, and said, "Could this perhaps be the Son of David?" But when the Pharisees heard this, they said, "This man drives out demons only by the power of Beelzebul, the prince of demons." But he knew what they were thinking and said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself will be laid waste, and no town or house divided against itself will stand. And if Satan drives out Satan, he is divided against himself; how, then, will his kingdom stand? And if I drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your own people drive them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if it is by the Spirit of God that I drive out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. How can anyone enter a strong man's house and steal his property, unless he first ties up the strong man? Then he can plunder his house. Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. Therefore, I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven people, but blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven; but whoever speaks against the holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come." (Mt 12,22-32).*Here we are faced with really bad hearts. The Pharisees want the evil of Jesus.

*Peter turned and saw the disciple following whom Jesus loved, the one who had also reclined upon his chest during the supper and had said, "Master, who is the one who will betray you?" When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what about him?" Jesus said to him, "What if I want him to remain until I come? What concern is it of yours? You follow me." So the word spread among the brothers that that disciple would not die. But Jesus had not told him that he would not die, just "What if I want him to remain until I come? (What concern is it of yours?)" It is this disciple who testifies to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. There are also many other things that Jesus did, but if these were to be described individually, I do not think the whole world would contain the books that would be written.*

Here is what Jesus says to Peter. Each man has his own particular vocation and mission, which come only from the heart of the Father. No one will ever know what others will have to do, how and when. However, each one must give every obedience to the will of the Father and for this he must always let himself be moved and led by the Holy Spirit. In truth, not even Peter knows how his life will unfold. He only knows that he will follow him on the path of martyrdom. Nothing else. Then day by day it will be the Spirit of the Lord to lead him so that always and everywhere, before every man, he may give glory to the Master.

Mother of the Redemption, Angels, Saints, let us obey the Father in the Spirit.