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**MONDAY VIII WEEK O.T. MAY 24 (Jn 19,25-34)**

The Gospel according to John is enclosed between two events that have the Virgin Mary at the center. In the first event, which is the wedding at Cana, the presence of the Mother of Jesus and her intervention with Jesus and the servants, results in the disciples' faith in Christ the Lord: "*On the third day there was a wedding in Cana in Galilee , and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." (And) Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from (although the servers who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now. Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him. "(Jn 2, 1-11).*In this first event at the center of the scene there is Her, the Mother of Jesus. Everything begins with Her. Everything moves for Her. For Her this wedding becomes the Gospel. For her the disciples come to faith in Christ Jesus.

*Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home. After this, aware that everything was now finished, in order that the scripture might be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I thirst." There was a vessel filled with common wine. So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop and put it up to his mouth. When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, "It is finished." And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit. Now since it was preparation day, in order that the bodies might not remain on the cross on the sabbath, for the sabbath day of that week was a solemn one, the Jews asked Pilate that their legs be broken and they be taken down. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and then of the other one who was crucified with Jesus. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs, but one soldier thrust his lance into his side, and immediately blood and water flowed out.*

Also on Golgotha, in the marriage of the Lamb with humanity, for its redemption and salvation, at the center of the scene there is She, the Mother of Jesus. She is given to John as his true Mother. Why is this gift so important, indeed so necessary? So that for Mary the whole world may come to faith in the disciple of Jesus, sent by Christ the Lord, as Christ the Lord is sent by the Father, to create the new humanity with the power of grace and of the Holy Spirit that was poured into her heart. If the Apostle does not have Mary with him no event for him alone will become the Gospel, that is, history of salvation and redemption. Instead, with the presence of the Virgin Mary, each of her events will become a true Gospel, a true moment of conversion, a true history in which the presence of the Lord is manifested in it. The mission of the Mother of God is great. For her, faith in the Apostle must be born, from which then is every other true faith. However, if the Apostle does not take Mary as his true Mother, faith in him will never be born and the world will be left without the light of truth and justice that come from Christ the Lord. The world will remain in its sin and darkness because the Apostle is without the One who transforms a profane history into a sacred history. So it is right that every Apostle asks himself: Is the Mother of God with me as my true Mother? Is it part of my life in the same way that my soul, my spirit, my body are part of me? If the Virgin Mary is not the soul of the Apostle, history will always be profane.

Angels, Saints, make the Mother of Jesus always be with the Apostle of the Lord.