**14 NOVEMBER – XXXIII SUNDAY O.T. [B]**

**And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather (his) elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky.**

**That of Jesus is an “apocalyptic” language. He uses strong images to tell events of great calamity. However, the Lord alone knows the historical how. Images tell us that it is something tremendously frightening. “In those days after that tribulation”: “in those days” indicates a future we do not know whether it is close or very remote. “After that tribulation”: the only tribulation one spoke about is the fall of Jerusalem. First, the destruction of Jerusalem comes. Then, the end of the world will come. What are the signs of the imminent end of the world? “The sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light.” In the prophecy, these are symbolic and not real images. The historical how of these events is only in the heart of the Father. To no man, it is given to know the reality in his becoming or in his making. Images speak about a cosmic upheaval that will be the prelude of the new creation. The stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Nothing will remain in its natural order. Everything will be shaken. Everything will precipitate. Everything will be torn down. What exists will no longer exist as it is.**

**First, the shaking of heaven and earth will happen. “And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory.” Even the cloud is a biblical image. The cloud covered the glory of the divine Majesty. Jesus does not come in the cloud. He comes on the clouds. He comes in the visibility of his glory and majesty. He comes as Lord and Judge. He does not come in the humbleness of the flesh, but in the great power of his eternal glory. When He was in the flesh, when He was on the cross, everyone despised Him. But now they must recognize Him as their Lord and God. But they will also undergo to his judgement that will be eternal and with no appeal, for life or death. Here is what the Lord will do: “And then he will send out the angels and gather (his) elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky.” Why will He gather his elect? To bring them with Him in his Paradise of eternal glory. And what will happen to those who are not elect? They will be gathered by the angels of darkness and brought by them in the darkness where it will be weeping and gnashing of teeth for eternity. The two kingdom will be separated forever, with no contact.**

**Now Jesus uses an image of the countryside. “"Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near.” The fig tree is a plant that needs warmth. When it sprouts leaves it is sign that warmth is about to come. In this sense, it is summer. Here He does not refer to the calendar of men of the four seasons. Summer is synonym of warmth. Winter, the coldness, ends the warmth arrives. Now Jesus applies the image to his disciples: “In the same way, when you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the gates.” The fig tree sprouts the leaves. Warmth is arriving. Powers fall down. The Son of man is near. We know that since the origin of life of the Church, there have always been attempts that aimed or aim at establishing the day of the end of the world and consequently at indicating the day in which the Lord will come back in the clouds of heaven. History, starting from the apostolic times, has always disproven every prophet who indicated the year or the day of the end of the world and declared him a false prophet. Jesus says that this day is jealously kept in the heart of the Father.**

**Let us read the text of Mk 13,24-32**

**"But in those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather (his) elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky. "Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the gates. Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.**

**“This generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place.” This word of Jesus is necessarily to be referred to the destruction of Jerusalem. At those times, a generation lasted about forty years. The destruction of Jerusalem happened exactly forty years later. This verse cannot be applied to the end of the world and to the coming of the Son of man in the clouds of heaven, since the when of the end of the world has never be revealed by Jesus. The signs are signs and they must remain signs. Besides, we have the testimony of history. Since Jesus has uttered this prophecy, many generations have passed. All of them have seen their death. The end is a true mystery that has never been revealed. It is sealed in the heart of the Father.**

**Now Jesus prophesies on his own words: “Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.” What words will not pass? All those gathered in his Gospel. What Jesus said will never pass. What He revealed will never pass. What He taught will never pass. Today men want the Words of Jesus to be declared passed. They pass with their lies. The Words of Jesus remain in eternity. If He said that Jerusalem will be destroyed, it will be destroyed. If He said that there will be the eternal hell, the eternal hell will be. If He said that the way leading to life is tight and narrow, tight and narrow will be. All those who add or take away even a comma to the Words of Christ Jesus or modify them in any very little thing, we know they are false prophets. They will be shaken with their words. The Words of Jesus never. Every day history testifies that no Word of Jesus has been unfulfilled, is unfulfilled, will be unfulfilled. Jesus said that without Him, we can do nothing. All those who are without Him, did nothing. They do nothing. Jesus said that the kingdom of God arises from the sowing of the Word. One sows the Word, the kingdom of God arises. One does not sow the Word, the kingdom of God will never arise. One can do other thousands of things. The Word of the Lord remains.**

**Day and time of the coming of the Son of Man in the clouds of heaven are jealously kept in the heart of the Father. The words of Jesus are clear, unequivocal, unmistakable. No one is no one. Only the Father. Regarding to that day or that time, though, no one knows it, neither the Angels in heaven nor the Son, except for the Father Someone may say: “The Father revealed it to me.” One replies that the Father operates nothing, says nothing except through the means of the Son. This is eternal truth. In eternity, in time, after time, the Father operates everything through the Son in the Holy Spirit. Every affirmation eliminating the Son from the relation with the Father is contrary to the truth of Christ. Thus, even the fatal and devilish theory of the salvation without Christ Jesus and of the unique God, equal for all religions, is contrary to the truth of Christ. There is no unique God. There is one only and unique God in his mystery of unity and trinity. Any word, thought, idea, theory, fantasy, imagination distancing and separating the Father from the Son and the Son from the Father, even if of one only millimetre, does not belong to the revelation, is not according to the Gospel, is against the true faith. Unfortunately, today, the Christians, ruled by the spirit of lie, confusion, mistake, falsity are modifying the entire Gospel, the entire Scripture, all faith. Christ and his body are unreplaceable essence of salvation. If Christ is declared useless, even the Church is declared useless. The Church is the body of Christ: useless Christ, useless his body. If Christ is useless, what is the use of his vicarious, the pope, and his vicarious, the bishops? Nothing. When the Christian cries out one of his theory, he must have much wisdom to see the consequences that his theory generates and produces. What wisdom may a Christian separating Christ from God and from man have in the work of salvation? Today the Christian decided to speak about the things dealing with God and man with no longer reference to the Divine Revelation. May the Mother of God free us from this foolishness and ignorance. We will thus raise falsity as our God.**