**SATURDAY APRIL 30 – SECOND WEEK OF EASTER [C]**

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**Never, in the Holy Scripture, has one only man walked on the sea. Neither the Lord walks on the sea. He walks on the wings of wind:** “**Praise the Lord, my soul. Lord my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty. The Lord wraps himself in light as with a garment;
 he stretches out the heavens like a tent and lays the beams of his upper chambers on their waters. He makes the clouds his chariot and rides on the wings of the wind. He makes winds his messengers, flames of fire his servants.” (Psal 104, 1-4) Instead, in Job, God reveals himself as the one who walks about in the abyss of the sea:** “**Have you ever in your lifetime commanded the morning and shown the dawn its place For taking hold of the ends of the earth, till the wicked are shaken from its surface? The earth is changed as is clay by the seal, and dyed as though it were a garment; But from the wicked the light is withheld, and the arm of pride is shattered. Have you entered into the sources of the sea, or walked about in the depths of the abyss? Have the gates of death been shown to you, or have you seen the gates of darkness? Have you comprehended the breadth of the earth? Tell me, if you know all” (Jb 38, 12-18) Walking on the water, Jesus reveals himself as greater than all those who preceded Him. Rather, he manifests to fulfil what neither God has never done. The revelation is very high. The disciples must know who the One who walks with them is. Every miracle Jesus performs before his disciples reveals an atom of his truth.**

**Now it is a righteous thing that we ask: what is the knowledge we have today about Jesus the Lord? Today one barely believes in his divinity. We are acting with opposite modalities to those of Jesus the Lord. While every day He reveals an atom of his divine and also human truth and every miracle manifests a particular, special truth, we instead remove a piece of his truth every day, not only of the human truth but also of the divine truth. Today it urges more than ever that the Church in its shepherds and in its faithful ask this truth: who is Jesus for me? This response is to be found in the Holy Spirit who has the mission of leading the body of Christ to the entire truth. No one must consider the responses of yesterday exhaustive. They were of yesterday. The mystery is not closed in the past, for the Holy Spirit is not closed in the mind of a man, whether he is a great Father, a great Theologian, a great Wise, a great Thinker, a great Writer, a great Ascetic, a great Mystic. The New Testament attests us that Paul is not enough, the Letter to the Hebrews is not enough, no other script is enough. The Holy Spirit is not prisoner of Paul, of Mark, Matthew, Luke, John, Peter, James, Judas. He is freedom and to each one He gives a spark of Jesus Christ’s truth. It is in putting together all the sparks offered by Him that one can perceive the beauty of the Person of the Lord and of his mission. Imprisoning Christ in an author, an epoch, a time, a philosophy, a thought, an image, is impoverishing the mystery that is endless and eternal. Today no one wishes to think that the truth of God and of man, of the things of earth and of heaven, of time and of eternity, of the present and of the past is in Christ. One only erroneous light one gives about Christ is reflected as error about the entire mystery. But also blocking Christ to the past means blocking the entire mystery to the past, also the understanding of God and of man is blocked to the past. As Christ Jesus does not imprison himself in one only miracle, in one only deed, in one only word, but adds miracle to miracle, deed to deed, word to word, so today the Church, if it wishes to make itself credible to itself, must also add miracle to miracle, deed to deed, word to word, never from its will, though, but also as most pure obedience to the Holy Spirit. If there is no obedience to the Spirit, one will never build up the body of Christ and one will never make it credible in its most pure divine and human truth. Making the body of Christ credible is the only miracle asked to us. But this is a fruit of the miracle that is the obedience to the Spirit.**

**Let us read the text of Jn 6,16-21**

**When it was evening, his disciples went down to the sea, embarked in a boat, and went across the sea to Capernaum. It had already grown dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea was stirred up because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they began to be afraid. But he said to them, "It is I. Do not be afraid." They wanted to take him into the boat, but the boat immediately arrived at the shore to which they were heading.**

**As the truth of the Father is in the truth of Christ, so the truth of Christ must be in the truth of the Church. As every day Christ added truth to his truth, so the Church must add truth to its truth. Instead, today we are walking in a reverse path: everyone fights to remove most pure truth to Christ Jesus, ignoring that every truth one removes from Christ is a truth one removes to the Church. Whoever obscures the truth of Christ does not only obscure the truth of Christ. He obscures the truth of the Church and also his truth that is from the truth of Christ and of the Church. One has never before assisted such a universal process of destruction of Christ and of the Church. May the Virgin Mary intercede for the Church of her Son. May She keep it from its destruction.**