**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 23 – XV WEEK O.T. [C]**

**Then he said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said in reply, "The Messiah of God."**

**People are confused about the truth of Christ. Do the Apostles know who Christ is? The Father reveals Peter the truth of Christ, but in a very limited way. He reveals him that Jesus is the Christ of God, namely his Messiah. He does not go beyond. In fact, Peter does not know the truth of the Messiah in its purity. He lacks the knowledge of the Scripture. Or better: Peter has not been instructed, he was not taught that the truth of the Christ of God does not come from one only prophecy that are referred to Him in a direct way and from the entire Old Testament dealing with Him in a hidden and veiled way. This knowledge will come from the history of Jesus and together directly from Jesus who tomorrow will open their mind to understand the Prophetic Scriptures and, namely, what is referred to Him in the Law, in the Prophets, in the Psalms. This long path toward the knowledge of the truth of Christ Jesus teaches us that the truth is fruit in us not only of the revelation but also of history and of the continuing grace of the Holy Spirit. However, so that the Holy Spirit makes us grow in the fullness of the truth we must be meek with Him. No meekness is lived in sin. We will always be strongly slowed down, when we live of mediocrity, because of the multiple, little transgressions and omissions. To progress in the truth of Jesus, one needs to progress in the obedience to the Word. The greater the obedience is, the greater is the knowledge.**

**Christ Jesus reveals what his truth of Messiah of the Lord is with the word and with all his life that is fulfilment of every written Word for Him from the Father. How will the Apostles reveal the truth of Christ to the world? Revealing their most pure truth of Apostles of Christ the Lord with the word and with all their life, that is and will have to be fulfilment of every Word that Christ Jesus has written for them. If the Apostle of the Lord does not fulfil even one only Word, of Christ Jesus he will manifest a truth lacking the fullness of the truth. Jesus has always shown the most pure truth of his Father through each of his word and every moment of his life. Let us reflect for a moment about what said many times. Today the one who is without any truth is the Christian. Every Christian. The Christian without truth reduces everything to a lie. He deprives all things of their truth. In fact, having we missed, lost, the truth about Christ Jesus, we neither know the truth of the Father. We no longer speak of the Father but of a unique God. We no longer speak about Christ Jesus, Unique and Only Mediator between God and the man, but about many mediators and about many founders of religion all placed on the same level, with no difference. We no longer speak about the Holy Spirit, but about the thought that is in the heart of man. Having we declassed Christ Jesus to a sole man, also the Blessed Trinity has been declassed. What other consequences of the loss of the truth of Christ Jesus? The first consequence is the fall of the truth of the Church. Lost the truth of the Church, also the truth of her mysteries is lost. Have we not lost the truth of the sacred ministry? If the sacred ministry is conformed to Christ and Christ is without truth, also the sacred ministry is without truth. It is a matter of logic. If the source is obstructed, also the river or the stream cease to give water. There is nothing is more urgent today than placing Christ Jesus in the heart of the Father, in the heart of the Holy Spirit, in the heart of the Church, in the heart of his ministries, in the heart of each of his disciple. The truth of Christ Jesus is from the truth of his disciple. The truth of his disciple is from the truth of Christ Jesus.**

**Let us read the text of Lk 9,18-21**

**Once when Jesus was praying in solitude, and the disciples were with him, he asked them, "Who do the crowds say that I am?" They said in reply, "John the Baptist; others, Elijah; still others, 'One of the ancient prophets has arisen.'" Then he said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said in reply, "The Messiah of God." He rebuked them and directed them not to tell this to anyone.**

**Today if the disciple is in the full ignorance of Christ Jesus, the responsibility is entirely of the disciples of Christ Jesus. If they are without the truth, the truth of Christ might never shine through their means. Here is the most urgent thing to do: making the disciple become truth of Christ Jesus. If the disciples does not become truth of Christ Jesus, Christ Jesus might never be known in the purity of his truth. How can the world know the purity of the truth of Christ today, if Christ is introduced by his disciples with no identity, neither divine not human? Not only is He introduced without any personal identity of his, one does everything to introduce Him with no identity, otherwise the Christian would be obliged to modify his language and one should infinitively more change his life. Instead, one introduces Christ with no identity and also his disciple can live with no identity. What is indeed the identity with which a baptised, a confirmed, a deacon, a presbyter, a bishop, a pope introduces himself before the world? Do we have the frankness in the Holy Spirit to introduce ourselves with the purity of truth with which the Apostle Paul introduced himself? Here is his introduction: “Thus should one regard us: as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Now it is of course required of stewards that they be found trustworthy.” (1 Cor 4, 1-2) May the Mother of God let every disciple of Jesus introduce himself to the world with his specific identity.**