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**MARY MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

**So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child.**

 **It is of no use that the Lord lets his Eternal Only Begotten Son be born, die, rise, ascend to Heaven, if then this mystery of eternal life remains veiled for us. The first who reveals the mystery contained in the birth of his Son is God himself. He reveals it to the Shepherds. The Shepherds reveal it to the people who were present in the place where Christ Jesus is born. Those who listen to the revelation of the Shepherds become in their turn revelation for every other man living in Bethlehem and not only. Jesus reveals his entire mystery to his Apostles: mystery fulfilled in each of its part. The Apostles are sent by Him in the world not only to reveal the mystery, but also to accomplish, through the work of the sacraments, the turning of every man through his faith in Christ, into mystery of Christ Jesus. One announces the mystery with the Word. It is created with the sacraments. Teaching to live the entire Word of Christ, the mystery is fulfilled in our life. Let us listen what Jesus says about his mystery and also what the Apostle Paul teaches: “Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." (Mt 28.18-20). “For, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. For the scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, enriching all who call upon him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." But how can they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how can they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone to preach? And how can people preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring (the) good news!" But not everyone has heeded the good news; for Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what was heard from us?" Thus faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.” (Rm 10,9-17). Here is what the Apostle Peter adds to this revelation: “On the next day, their leaders, elders, and scribes were assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly class. They brought them into their presence and questioned them, "By what power or by what name have you done this?" Then Peter, filled with the holy Spirit, answered them, "Leaders of the people and elders: If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a cripple, namely, by what means he was saved, then all of you and all the people of Israel should know that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; in his name this man stands before you healed. He is 'the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.' There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved." (Act 4,5-12). The Father has established that only in Christ Jesus one may turn back from the nature of death into nature of life. Another way has not been given. Indicating other ways is deceiving the entire world and condemn it to an eternal death, from where one can never come out.**

**Let us read the text of Lk 2,16-21**

**So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them. When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.**

**Today, here is the great, universal betrayal and denial that one is consuming in the Church, to the damages of the truth of man. To please men, one is destroying the entire truth of Christ, divine, eternal, uncreated truth, truth of eternal generation, truth of incarnation, truth of redeeming death, truth of saving resurrection. Destroyed the truth of Christ that is our true Gospel, one is announcing a false Gospel of immanence, leaving man in death. If our God, eternal wisdom, had seen that other ways could have saved man, He would certainly have manifested them. The only possible way is Christ and one lives in Christ. The one who does not announce Christ condemns man to the death in time and in eternity. May the Mother of God deliver us from such a horrible sin against humanity.**