**THURSDAY JANUARY 19 – II WEEK O. T. [A]**

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**Who is Jesus and why is the entire world attracted by Him? It is a question that the Church in her shepherds and faithful, must perennially ask her spirit and in the Holy Spirit, who leads her to the entire truth today, find the answer. No one can consider the answers 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 Theologist, a great Wise a great Thinker, a great Writer, a great Ascetic, a great Mystic. The New Testament attests to us that Paul is not enough, James is not enough, Peter is not enough, the Gospels are not enough, the Revelation is not enough, the Letter to the Hebrew is not enough, no other writing is not enough. The Holy Spirit is not prisoner of Paul, of Mark, Matthew, Luke, John, Peter, James, Judas. It is the freedom and to each one it gives a sparkle of the truth of Christ Jesus. It is putting together all the sparkles offered by Him that one can catch a glimpse of the beauty of the Person of the Lord, of his mission. Imprisoning Christ in an author, a period, a time, a philosophy, a thought, an image is impoverishing the mystery that is endless and eternal. In Christ Jesus dwells 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 future; rather, Christ Jesus is 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 future. One only erroneous light that one gives Christ is reflected as error on the entire mystery. But also blocking Christ to the past means blocking the entire mystery to the past, even the understanding of God and of man is blocked to the past.**

**It is obligatory that one asks then: “Who is Jesus?” if the truth of Christ is eclipsed even slightly, in the heart and in the mind of one only Christian, the entire world suffers from this eclipse. If we think that there are millions and millions, even Catholic, in whom the truth of Christ is eclipsed, we will understand well why the world, the society, our own civilization is precipitated in the moral chaos, that concerns all its structures, from politics to economy, from family to school, from gambling to every other activity that man carries out. Christ is the light that illuminates the entire existing reality. No thing undertaken by man on our earth might do without the light of Christ the Lord. Light is life. Without life that is Christ, one undertakes things of death. Maybe are all the progresses of man – divorce, abortion, euthanasia, free love, unmarried partners, same sex couples – not progresses of death and not of life? No one can ever darken the light of Christ the Lord. If it is quenched, man is quenched. However, if it is lighted up, man is lighted up. How did Jesus light up the most pure light of his truth of man sent by the Father to create the true faith, the true charity, the true hope in hearts? Through the signs fulfilled by Him. They attested that He came from God and if He came from God, even his Word came from God. The mighty deeds do not end in themselves. They are the way of God to reveal who is truly a man sent by Him to bring the true Word of God. Understanding well the signs that Jesus performed is way to enter the complete knowledge of his mystery. The Church, each of her child, the entire world needs that light perennially new. The one who believes needs so that his light may become more authentical. The one who does not believe needs it so that he may let himself be enlightened by Christ and enter, if he wishes, the true life. Without Christ, death rules. Satan rules hearts and minds. Evil subjugates us, it makes us slaves of our passions. The earth itself suffers from the eclipse of Christ that has fallen upon it.**

**Let us read the text of Mk 3,7-12**

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**Today speaking according to purity of truth of the works of Christ is not enough to attract to Christ, in the same way as narrating the works fulfilled by God through the means of Moses, Joshua, Judges, Prophets and in a particular way the works of Elijah and Elisha, was not useful to the people of the Lord to live of true faith. One attracts to God fulfilling the works of God. One attracts to Christ fulfilling the works of Christ. What is the first work for every disciple of Jesus? Making every Word that has come out from the mouth of Christ his nourishment in the same way as the food of Christ was to make the will of the Father and fulfil his works. The obedience to every Word of Christ Jesus is the first miracle that the disciple of Jesus must show every man. Whoever fulfils this miracle in a habitual and perennial way will be able to fulfil every other miracle, necessary to attract someone to Christ the Lord. May the Mother of God obtain for us the grace of the perfect obedience.**