**When in the synagogue they heard this were all filled with fury**

**MONDAY MARCH 8 (Lk 4, 24-30)**

The true missionary of the Lord God is immediately placed before the non-faith of those to whom he is sent to announce the divine will. It happens with Moses: *"Then the Israelite foremen came and made this appeal to Pharaoh: "Why do you treat your servants in this manner? No straw is supplied to your servants, and still we are told to make bricks. Look how your servants are beaten! It is you who are at fault. " Pharaoh answered, "It is just because you are lazy that you keep saying, 'Let us go and offer sacrifice to the LORD.' Off to work, then! Straw shall not be provided for you, but you must still deliver your quota of bricks." The Israelite foremen knew they were in a sorry plight, having been told not to reduce the daily amount of bricks. When, therefore, they left Pharaoh and came upon Moses and Aaron, who were waiting to meet them, they said to them, "The LORD look upon you and judge! You have brought us into bad odor with Pharaoh and his servants and have put a sword in their hands to slay us. "Moses again had recourse to the LORD and said, "Lord, why do you treat this people so badly? And why did you send me on such a mission? Ever since I went to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has maltreated this people of yours, and you have done nothing to rescue them." (Ex 5, 15-23).*Jeremiah is warned. The people will wage war on him: *“But do you gird your loins; stand up and tell them all that I command you. Be not crushed on their account, as though I would leave you crushed before them; For it is I this day who have made you a fortified city, A pillar of iron, a wall of brass, against the whole land: Against Judah's kings and princes, against its priests and people. They will fight against you, but not prevail over you, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD. " (Jer 1, 17-19).*The indignation against Christ the Lord on the part of the inhabitants of Nazareth attests that He is truly a true prophet of the living God. The people always applaud the false prophets, because they prophesy falsehoods, illusions, lies. The true prophet, on the other hand, communicates only the will of their God. He has no other duties or mandates.

*And he said, "Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place. Indeed, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah when the sky was closed for three and a half years and a severe famine spread over the entire land. It was to none of these that Elijah was sent, but only to a widow in Zarephath in the land of Sidon. Again, there were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet; yet not one of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong. But he passed through the midst of them and went away.*

The inhabitants of Nazareth would like Jesus to attest the truth of his words with signs and wonders. He replies to them that the prophets are not sent to perform miracles or wonders or even to give signs that prove the truth of what is asserted. The prophets have their word as their sign. What they say is always fulfilled. It is enough to know how to wait, but fulfillment will always follow. The Word of Jesus has two accomplishments, or rather three: one immediately, the second in history, the third in eternity. The immediate fulfillment attests that the other two will also be fulfilled according to the truth contained in the word. The inhabitants of Nazareth want to throw Jesus off the cliff on which their city was built. The Father splits the crowd in two as he once split the Red Sea. Jesus passes in the middle and goes on his way to preach the Gospel in other villages of Galilee. This sign must attest to them that the true prophets are not in the hands of men. They will be when the Lord allows them. Until that time, they must carry out the mission entrusted to them. This is a very great sign that Jesus gives to his fellow citizens: my life is in the hands of the Father who sent me and not in your hands. Today you can do nothing against me. But now Jesus knows what difficulties await him. People will come to receive miracles. They will come because they expect from Jesus the liberation from every form of slavery and suffering. As for faith in his Word it is quite another thing. Faith is born if sprinkled with blood.

Mother of the Redemption, Angels, Saints, let so much faith arise for our life.