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**MONDAY MARCH 15 (Jn 4, 43-54)**

Faith is not only believing in the Word of Jesus, but also embracing and making the whole truth of Jesus one’s own life. We read how the Apostle Paul outlines a part of the truth of Lord Jesus: *“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him. In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will,* *for the praise of the glory of his grace that he granted us in the beloved. In him we have redemption by his blood, the forgiveness of transgressions, in accord with the riches of his grace that he lavished upon us. In all wisdom and insight, he has made known to us the mystery of his will in accord with his favor that he set forth in him as a plan for the fullness of times, to sum up all things in Christ, in heaven and on earth. In him we were also chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the one who accomplishes all things according to the intention of his will, so that we might exist for the praise of his glory, we who first hoped in Christ.     In him you also, who have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and have believed in him, were sealed with the promised holy Spirit, which is the first installment of our inheritance toward redemption as God's possession, to the praise of his glory. "(Eph 1, 3-14).*Whoever does not welcome this part of the truth of Jesus into the heart, together with all the others that were announced in the Old Testament, that are reality of the truth of Christ the Lord, does not believe in Christ the Lord. The truth of Christ is the essence of His mission. He is not like all other men. He is the Only Begotten Son of the Father, begotten by Him in the beginning, in the today of timeless eternity. The king’s official asks for the miracle because he believes Jesus can do it. Jesus sends him home, telling him: *«Go, your son lives».*The man believes in the word of Jesus and goes home. The servants come to meet him and report that his son was healed of his illness. He and his whole family are open to faith in Christ Jesus. It is still not a matter of perfect faith in the fullness of the truth of Lord Jesus. But now the official knows that the Word of Jesus is in all equal to the Word of God. Only God says and things are. If that of Jesus is the same Word as that of God, surely Jesus is sent by God.

*After the two days, he left there for Galilee. For Jesus himself testified that a prophet has no honor in his native place. When he came into Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him, since they had seen all he had done in Jerusalem at the feast; for they themselves had gone to the feast. Then he returned to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. Now there was a royal official whose son was ill in Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea, he went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, who was near death. Jesus said to him, "Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will not believe." The royal official said to him, "Sir, come down before my child dies." Jesus said to him, "You may go; your son will live." The man believed what Jesus said to him and left. While he was on his way back, his slaves met him and told him that his boy would live. He asked them when he began to recover. They told him, "The fever left him yesterday, about one in the afternoon." The father realized that just at that time Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live," and he and his whole household came to believe. (Now) this was the second sign Jesus did when he came to Galilee from Judea.*

It is fair to ask: What was the beginning of our faith? Have we passed from an incipient, initial faith in Christ to a perfect faith in the full truth of Lord Jesus? What is still missing from our knowledge of the mystery of Jesus? What is done to ensure that every gap is filled, and every void is replenished? Do I know that a faith in Christ without the truth of Christ does not sustain me in the moment of trial? I know that Christ added truth to truth every day so that the disciples’ faith was perfect.

Mother of the Redemption, Angels, Saints, make us from the perfect knowledge of the truth.