**Never before has anyone spoken like this one**

**SATURDAY MARCH 20 (Jn 7,40-53)**

In the Old Testament, Solomon is famous for his wisdom. They come to hear it even from distant regions: *“The queen of Sheba, having heard of Solomon's fame, came to test him with subtle questions. She arrived in Jerusalem with a very numerous retinue, and with camels bearing spices, a large amount of gold, and precious stones. She came to Solomon and questioned him on every subject in which she was interested. King Solomon explained everything she asked about, and there remained nothing hidden from him that he could not explain to her. When the queen of Sheba witnessed Solomon's great wisdom, the palace he had built,* *the food at his table, the seating of his ministers, the attendance and garb of his waiters, his banquet service, and the holocausts he offered in the temple of the LORD, she was breathless. "The report I heard in my country about your deeds and your wisdom is true," she told the king. "Though I did not believe the report until I came and saw with my own eyes, I have discovered that they were not telling me the half. Your wisdom and prosperity surpass the report I heard. Happy are your men, happy these servants of yours , who stand before you always and listen to your wisdom. Blessed be the LORD, your God, whom it has pleased to place you on the throne of Israel. In his enduring love for Israel, the LORD has made you king to carry out judgment and justice." (1 Kings 10, 1-9).*The difference between Solomon and Jesus is eternal and infinite because it is divine. Jesus does not only know the things created by him, he also knows the heart of man. He knows with what words to enter it and with what arguments to answer so that the armed trap in his path does not spring up and place it in their hands, until his time has come. Then when the hour comes, it will be He who will freely surrender himself to their will. How many are sent to capture Him, hear the voice of Jesus, and are captured by it. They stop from taking any action against Him. It is as if they were all taken in ecstasy before so much beauty of his speaking and arguing. Why didn't they arrest him? Because a man has never spoken like that. A man who speaks like this cannot be a criminal, an enemy of man, an idolater, one aligned against God.

*Some in the crowd who heard these words said, "This is truly the Prophet." Others said, "This is the Messiah." But others said, "The Messiah will not come from Galilee, will he? Does not scripture say that the Messiah will be of David's family and come from Bethlehem, the village where David lived?" So a division occurred in the crowd because of him. Some of them even wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him. So the guards went to the chief priests and Pharisees, who asked them, "Why did you not bring him?" The guards answered, "Never before has anyone spoken like this one." So the Pharisees answered them, "Have you also been deceived? Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, which does not know the law, is accursed." Nicodemus, one of their members who had come to him earlier, said to them, "Does our law condemn a person before it first hears him and finds out what he is doing?" They answered and said to him, "You are not from Galilee also, are you? Look and see that no prophet arises from Galilee." Then each went to his own house,*

The Pharisees declare themselves the only, universal, absolute principle in the discernment of truth. If they don't believe in Jesus, no one else has to believe. Between the conscience of every single person and God there is only the Word of the Lord. There is also the history. It is proper to the rationality of every man to separate good from evil, true from false, right from wrong. Today the conscience, the heart, the rationality says that in Jesus there is nothing bad, unjust, false. If evil does not exist in him, then no one has the right to deprive him of his freedom to be able to speak, work miracles, preach. The Lord our God forbids doing evil. He has never forbidden the good. He wants the good to be done at the highest of the possibilities of wisdom, science, intelligence, grace. Starting from this truth, it will always be possible to arrive at the full truth of Jesus. This is a methodology that must always be followed. A story of only good must question the conscience.

Mother of the Redemption, Angels, Saints, make us wise people and of upright conscience.