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**HOLY TUESDAY MARCH 30 (Jn 13,21-33.36-38)**

Judas Iscariot occupies a prominent place in the Passion of Christ Jesus. Who is Judas for the Holy Spirit? He's a devil: *"Jesus then said to the Twelve," Do you also want to leave? " Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." Jesus answered them, "Did I not choose you twelve? Yet is not one of you a devil?" He was referring to Judas, son of Simon the Iscariot; it was he who would betray him, one of the Twelve." (Jn 6,66-71).*He is also a thief: *"Then Judas the Iscariot, one (of) his disciples, and the one who would betray him, said, "Why was this oil not sold for three hundred days' wages and given to the poor?" He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief and held the money bag and used to steal the contributions. So Jesus said, "Leave her alone. Let her keep this for the day of my burial." (Jn 12, 4-7).*We know that attachment to money is the cause of all the evils that are in the world. Judas goes with Christ but does not follow Christ Jesus. His thoughts are Satan's. Those of Christ Jesus are of his Father, they are divine thoughts.

Judas is the Son of perdition: *“When I was with them I protected them in your name that you gave me, and I guarded them, and none of them was lost except the son of destruction, in order that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you. I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely. I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world."(Jn 17, 12-14).* He is the friend that revolts against his own friend: *"My enemies say bad things against me: 'When will he die and his name be forgotten?' When someone comes to visit me, he speaks without sincerity. His heart stores up malice; when he leaves, he gossips. All those who hate me whisper together against me; they imagine the worst about me: 'He has had ruin poured over him; that one lying down will never rise again. ' Even my trusted friend, who ate my bread, has raised his heel against me." (Ps 41 (40), 6-10).*Judah is entirely under the rule of Satan. It will be Satan who will push him to hang, out of desperation. He did not damn himself for betraying Jesus. This is forgivable sin. But for the sin against the Holy Spirit which is unforgivable. His sin is the despair for salvation.

*When he had said this, Jesus was deeply troubled and testified, "Amen, amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me." The disciples looked at one another, at a loss as to whom he meant. One of his disciples, the one whom Jesus loved, was reclining at Jesus' side. So Simon Peter nodded to him to find out whom he meant. He leaned back against Jesus' chest and said to him, "Master, who is it?" Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I hand the morsel after I have dipped it." So he dipped the morsel and (took it and) handed it to Judas, son of Simon the Iscariot. After he took the morsel, Satan entered him. So Jesus said to him, "What you are going to do, do quickly." (Now) none of those reclining at table realized why he said this to him. Some thought that since Judas kept the money bag, Jesus had told him, "Buy what we need for the feast," or to give something to the poor. So he took the morsel and left at once. And it was night. When he had left, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. (If God is glorified in him,) God will also glorify him in himself, and he will glorify him at once. My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. You will look for me, and as I told the Jews, 'Where I go you cannot come,' so now I say it to you. Simon Peter said to him, " Master, where are you going? "Jesus answered (him)," Where I am going, you cannot follow me now, though you will follow later. " Peter said to him," Master, why can't I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you. " Jesus answered," Will you lay down your life for me? Amen, amen, I say to you, the cock will not crow before you deny me three times. "*

The Apostle John highlights the divine light that reigns in the Upper Room with Christ Jesus and the darkness that reigns when Judas leaves the Upper Room. Abandoning Jesus, he is as though he plunged into the darkness of hell.

Mother of the Redemption, Angels, Saints, let us dwell in the light of Christ Jesus.