**TUESDAY AUGUST 31 – XXII WEEK O.T. [B]**

**"Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are - the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Be quiet! Come out of him!"**

**Jesus is still walking alone. He has called no disciple. For an entire week, nothing is said about Him. The day of Sabbath comes and He teaches in the synagogue to people. Jesus is true prophet. But He immediately shows himself as true Master. The teaching is a doctrine taken from the prophetic Scriptures. In the synagogue, He reads the Scripture and He explains it. He enlightens hearts with the purest truth of his Father. Jesus can do this, as He is filled with Holy Spirit. The Spirit always puts the good word on his mouth of the instruction and of teaching according to the necessities of the hearts listening to Him. This is the difference between the teaching of Jesus and that of every other man. Every other man says a doctrine that can be true, false, useful, not useful, pleasing, boring. Instead, Jesus always speaks to heart, to all hearts.**

**The people who listen are astonished by his teaching. His Word has authority. What does it mean that his Word has authority? It means that Jesus says a Word that is Truth and that no one might never fail to recognize it as most pure Truth. It also means that it is a Word that penetrates the soul and plants itself in it. Man may not believe. But it is cemented in his soul and the hell, too, will be in it for his eternal damnation and perdition. He had received the true Word and he did not listen to it. It also means that, when Jesus commands, his Word does not remain inefficacious. It is like the Word of God. God says and things exist. Jesus says and the heart is no longer the same. The Word of Jesus has authority because history, after He spoke, is no longer the same. There is a substantial change. First, it was in the darkness. Now it is in the light. If the heart wants it, it might walk from light to light and from truth to truth.**

**But it is also Word of truth since when it is given as command to the unclean spirits, these owe immediate obedience. In the synagogue there was a man with the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out in a loud voice.” The unclean spirit knew who Jesus was. He knows that he has to owe immediate obedience to Him. He cannot but obey. Before obeying, he wants to cause as great as possible harm to Jesus. What is the greatest harm today? Revealing his truth. What is the Truth of Jesus? It is triple. He is the prophet promised to Moses. He is the Priest like Melchisedek. These two truths do not cause harm. But He is also the Christ of God. This truth causes serious damages today.**

**The unclean spirit rebels against Christ Jesus "Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are - the Holy One of God!" The Christ of God. Jesus has come precisely for this: to destroy the kingdom of Satan on earth and establish the Kingdom of his Father. How does one establish the Kingdom of his Father? Removing the unclean spirit from mind, from spirit, from soul, form bodies. In man, either the unclean spirit or the Holy Spirit dwells. The cohabitation is not allowed. Light and darkness cannot cohabit. Darkness cast out light. List casts out darkness. The unclean spirit knows the power of Jesus.**

**Suddenly, Jesus intervenes and give him a severe and peremptory order: "Be quiet! Come out of him!" Jesus orders the spirit to be quiet. His truth will have to remain hidden by the moment. When the Holy Spirit decides it, it will be revealed. Not only must the spirit be quiet. He must also come out. And the demon throws the man down in front of them and comes out of him without doing him any harm. Jesus is the Lord of the unclean spirit. To Him, he owes every obedience. He must come out and he comes out. Satan, as creature and under the Lordship of his God, who is Jesus, recognizes the authority of Christ. He always obeys his command. This does not mean that he does not work to cause the greatest harm. It is truth. Against every man, Satan works to keep him his servant, so that he does not leave his kingdom and his slavery. Against Jesus, he works to hinder the work of his salvation and redemption. With Jesus, his kingdom draws to a close. When does the kingdom of Satan draw to a close for the disciple of Jesus? When the disciple lives as true body of Jesus. When he lives in Christ, with Christ, for Christ. If he lives out of the body of Christ, he is already kingdom of Satan.**

**Let us read the text of Lk 4,31-37**

**Jesus then went down to Capernaum, a town of Galilee. He taught them on the sabbath, and they were astonished at his teaching because he spoke with authority. In the synagogue there was a man with the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out in a loud voice, "Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are - the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Be quiet! Come out of him!" Then the demon threw the man down in front of them and came out of him without doing him any harm. They were all amazed and said to one another, "What is there about his word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out." And news of him spread everywhere in the surrounding region.**

**The immediate obedience of the unclean spirit astonishes all those who were in the synagogue. They say each other: "What is there about his word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out." Those present see the great difference that exists between the Word of Christ Jesus and every other word. That of Jesus is Word that enlightens, brightens, instils hope, creates peace in hearts, frees men from the unclean spirits. It is a Word similar in all to that of the Lord their God. It is a Word that creates a new reality, a new life, a new history, a new present, a new future. Where Christ Jesus passes, a new life passes.**

**News of Him spread, since everyone told the other what he had seen and heard. Whoever heard, tells in turn, what he was referred. Few passages are sufficient and an entire region knows Christ Jesus. This truth is valid also for the missionaries of Christ Jesus. If their Word is full of authority and of power as that of their Master, word gets around and is spread. If they say a word of the world, the word is of death. Also the word of death often gets from mouth to mouth. But it does not attract. It takes away. The Word of eternal life attracts. That of Jesus is true Word of eternal life. Even that of the disciples of Jesus will have to be true Word of eternal life.**

**Christ Jesus and the Word are one only thing, indivisible in eternity. His life is his Word. His Word is his life. Today the Christian, called, he too, to unify Word and life, making them become one only thing, has instead separated the Word from life and life from Word. This separation makes his Word no longer Word of life, but simply word. Since it is simply word, it is no longer Word of Christ Jesus. It is just word. It is not Word of Christ Jesus since the Word is missing the life of Christ Jesus. Now when a Christian says a word with no life, that word might never be a word of authority. It is not science that makes a Word become of authority, but life. The scribes and the Pharisees say word with no life. There is a word with no authority. A word that is with no life might never have authority. If it is without life in the one who says it, might this word produce life in the one who listens to it? Never. Being the Word life in Jesus, every time that it is uttered, it produces life into hearts. People see life and they see the difference. Today the Christian must operate this if he wants his word, too, to be a word creating life: the word must become his life and his life be his word. When this unity is accomplished, the word generates life into hearts and it is the generated life that lets one call it great miracle. May the Mother of God come to our rescue. May She intercede for us before the Holy Spirit, so that He comes and creates in us this wonderful unity between Word and life. Amen.**