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Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life

Christ Jesus and the truth of his person and of his mission are one only thing and they must remain none only thing in eternity. Separating Christ Jesus from the truth of his person and of his mission is making a thing of the earth of it. On the contrary Jesus is eternal, divine, human, historical, metahistorical, universal truth. The Eucharist is truth of its mission of salvation and of redemption. If the Eucharist is denied, the truth of the mission of salvation and redemption fails.

Christ is no longer the Christ given to us by the Father. We do no longer need this Christ. He is a false Christ. This truth that is valid for us, it is also valid for Christ. Here is why He asks the Apostles if they want to go, as well. Either you Apostles

accept me in my mystery or you can go. Without my mystery, I, Jesus, am no longer Jesus. I am no longer the Saviour. I am no longer, as my mystery and I are one only thing. The Church also has to act in the same way as Christ Jesus. The Church and its mystery of being the body of Christ are one only thing. A Church deprived of its mystery is a matter of men. It is no longer the "sacrament of Christ" to bring the salvation of

God to every man.

Simon Peter answers to the question of Christ: "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." I, Simon Peter and the Eleven with me understood nothing of the mystery of the Eucharist. It is far beyond our mind and also beyond all the revelation made by the God of our fathers to his people since the beginning until today. But we know one thing. You have words of eternal life. Your word on your mouth is truth. Being aware that it is truth, we believe in what you said and we remain. Why is your Word truth? Because we believed and are

convinced that you are the Saint of God, his Messiah. Now, the Messiah does not come to deceive men with false words. He comes to enlighten us with his most pure Word of God. Here is the principle of Peter's faith: the knowledge of the Person of Jesus. He is the Messiah of God. In the Messiah of God should one believe, in every Word coming out of his mouth. Even if the historical modalities of the fulfilment escape, his words are truth.

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LAMP UNTO MY FEET

Truths revealing who Christ Jesus is

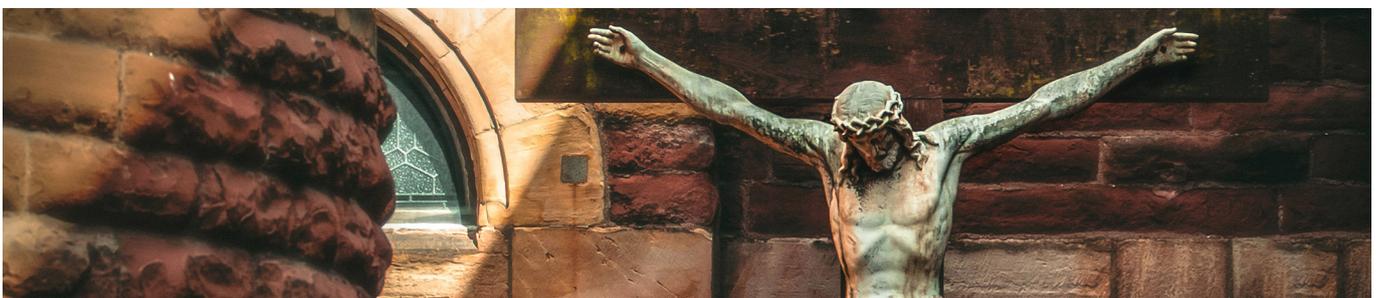
Jesus is the Lord since in his Person He is true God. He is the true God come into flesh. Into flesh, the true God is also true man. Being He the Lord, he can give the right, exact, perfect interpretation of the Law. He is the Author of the Law and the interpret, as well. No interpretation might be said to be true if it is in contrast with that he offers and gives. His body is the only and true temple in which God dwells in the body in the fullness of his divinity. The temple of the body is indissolubly united to the Person of the Word. The Word and the temple are one only Person. Jesus is the Servant of the Lord. He is the Servant fulfilling in everything the will of God in a vicarious, expiating sufferance. He is the Servant who takes the punishment for our faults on himself. He is the Servant who heals us with his plagues. Jesus is the Most Loved of the Lord since He is his Son. He is the Son generated by Him in eternity. The mystery of the Messiah of God is great. He is not simply a man. He is that God who made himself man. He is the Only Begotten Son of the Father who made himself flesh. The Father is pleased with his Servant as He lives of perfect, complete, full obedience. He lives to obey the Father.

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Jesus is full of Holy Spirit: the Spirit has placed upon Him with the fullness of its gifts: wisdom, intellect, advice, fortitude, understanding, piety, fear of the Lord. Jesus lives to love the Father. This is the aim of his live. Jesus is the envoy by the universal mission: He was not sent to reveal the mystery of the Father only to the children of Abraham. He was sent to give the true God, the only true God to every person. One can know the true God only by the means of Jesus and, where Jesus does not reign in the hearts with his Word and grace, the true God is not known there. Jesus has to let all the people know the true justice, that is the full and perfect will of the Father. Jesus has come to say to every man what the Father wants and what is pleased to Him. He alone is entitled with this mission. He alone is the true revealer of the Father. Jesus is stronger than Satan. Like God, he is his Lord, his Creator. God had created him of light. It was he who wanted to turn into darkness with his pride. Jesus is stronger than humanity, as he is most holy, as he is full of grace and of truth. With the truth he unmasks his falsities. With the grace, he overcomes them. Jesus speaks by the fullness of his heart filled with love: the heart of

Jesus is full of love toward man. For this reason, the language of Jesus is most pure and intense love. The heart of the Pharisees is full of robbery and iniquity. This is why from their heart, words of hate, of envy, of killing, of every falsities and lie come out.

Jesus shows himself up in the sign of Jonah: He remains on earth only for three days and three nights, from Friday evening to the morning of the first day after Saturday. Then He rises up and always remains with us, even in the form of the immortal spirit and no longer in the form of the mortal flesh. The sign given to Jesus is his resurrection. Jesus constitutes his new family: all those who accept the Word of God and put it into practice are the family of Jesus. This family is ruled by one only law: the love until the gift of all life for the life of the other. This is what Jesus did for the entire humanity. Having assumed our flesh, he became our relative and, as this, he paid the ransom for us, freeing us from sin and from death. Mother of the Only Begotten Son for the Father, teach us to believe in Jesus with the most pure truth of the Holy Spirit.



IF YOU LISTEN...

Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son

Here is the good news the Angel Gabriel has come to bring to the Virgin Mary: "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." (Lk 1, 31-33) It is the announcement the people of God have waited since a thousand years, but also the announcement every prophet of the living God would have wanted to resonate on our earth. God needed a yes with no reserve from the Virgin Mary. A yes with no doubt. A yes that was the fruit of the most pure faith in the Word announced to her. So that this happened, the Lord used the Angel Gabriel, entitled with bringing men not only the most pure will of the Father, but also in charge of explaining it according to divine and eternal truth.

The Angel Gabriel announces to Mary a fact, an event, a story. He

announces all of this as already present. You shall conceive. You will give to birth. You shall call Jesus the fruit of your womb. Who is Jesus according to the words of the Angel? The greatness of Jesus is not to be measured with the greatness existing on earth. It must be measured by the divinity and eternity since he comes from eternity. In fact He will be called Son of the Most High as his Messiah. He will be called Son of the Most High as He is the Only Begotten Son of the Father. He is the only Son the Father generated in eternity. He is God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, generated, not created, of the same substance of the Father. The Son the Virgin Mary conceives is the Only Begotten Son of the Father. This truth had already been revealed by the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament: "I will tell of the decree: "The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you" (cf. Psal 2, 6-9); "From the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours" (cf. Psal 110, 1-5). If we take away this divine

and eternal greatness from Christ Jesus, the human greatness are for us futility, vanity, uselessness. He would be a man as all the other men. Now, no man might ever redeem nor save another man. The greatness of the Son of the Most High is the greatness of his cross, of his humbling, of the emptiness of himself to operate our redemption, to ransom us from our sins. Here is his greatness: his obedience to the Father until death and a death on the cross. Mother of Jesus, ensure that we understand every Word of the Angel addressed to you.

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FROM JACOB'S WELL

The Church must always know that the truth of its mystery is essence of its being. It is called and sent so that it takes the entire humanity in its mystery that is the same mystery of Christ Jesus. But if it undresses itself of its mystery of salvation, redemption, eternal life, truth, grace, light, justice, holiness, mercy, forgiveness, justification, sanctification of the world, it becomes a matter of the earth and stops being the body of Christ to bring the entire humanity to Him who is the Saviour and the Redeemer of everybody. There is no more unfortunate decision than freeing itself of the truth of its mystery and consider itself to be useful to men. If the Church undresses itself of its mystery it is as useful as a salt water puddle to a thirsty person in a scorching desert. What it operates is of no use.

IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Responses of Faith

Why does Jesus set the mercy as foundation of his discipleship? Can we define that his is the religion of faith and mercy? Is there a difference between religion and faith?

According to the Gospel, mercy is the true sacrifice pleased to the Lord. Before the mercy to live and to practise, every other sacrifice is to be put aside. Always in the Gospel, to the exterior worship, lived without man and often against man, Jesus give the law of the mercy as true worship to offer to the Lord. His death on the cross is the worship of the true mercy, of compassion, of charity. The Scripture had always protested against a purely exterior vision of the worship, as if the truth of man and God were in it. The truth of man is not in the offer to the Lord of the things of the earth. It is in the obedience to his Law, to his Word, to his manifested Will, that is most pure love in the gift to God.

Faith is made up of mercy and most pure obedience. The religion often made up of human thoughts that with art, ability, mastering are introduced in the Word of the Lord. The religion can also be the worship to God in obedience to the Law set by Him. But these Laws are lived with no obedience to the Word. Is there a most high and sublime worship than the Holy Mass? Yet, we can also live the Holy Mass bringing only our body in the temple of the Lord. Soul, heart, mind, spirit, will are not with us. They are in another place as in another place are

our thoughts. What is the first worship to offer to the Lord today? The right confession of the truth of Christ Jesus. He is God in his Person. He is God by eternity. He is God for eternal generation. He is God as He is Only Begotten Son of the Father.

The true worship is confessing that He is the only true Teacher of humanity, the only true Revealer of God. He knows the Father, as he knows the true essence of the Father. He does not speak out of the Father, he speaks from the womb of the Father, he speaks from his divine essence. All evils of the world dwell in our exteriority before the knowledge of God. We speak from the external, from out of us, from our thoughts, by our will. We often speak by our convenience, by what we think the true knowledge of God is. It is an imagined, thought knowledge. Instead, Jesus does not

imagine God. He speaks by the most pure knowledge of the mystery of the Father and of man. The impurity of our mind almost always makes the revealed truth impure. This is the greatest sin of the men of God: defiling the most pure truth of the Father Jesus the Lord revealed to us. It urges to confess Christ in his most pure truth.

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IN THE NEXT ISSUE

Hear me, all of you, and understand

A little healthy eschatology

How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?

How does one walk on the right way with right conscience? But even before: what is the right way and what is the right conscience?

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