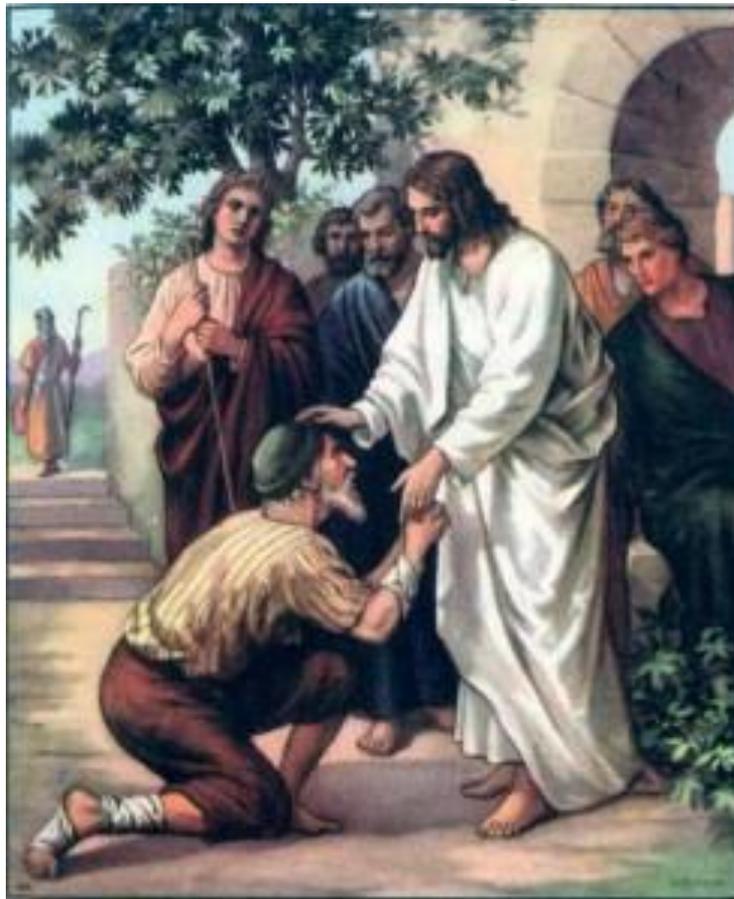


The Humanity of Jesus Lifts Up Decayed Humanity



Paragraph 541 - III. The Mysteries of Jesus' Public Life

²⁴⁶ "To carry out the will of the Father Christ inaugurated the kingdom of heaven on earth."²⁴⁷

Now the Father's will is "to raise up men to share in his own divine life."²⁴⁸ He does this by gathering men around his Son Jesus Christ. This gathering is the Church, "on earth the seed and beginning of that kingdom."²⁴⁹ (2816, 763, 669, 768, 865) CCC

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542 Christ stands at the heart of this gathering of men into the "family of God." By his word, through signs that manifest the reign of God, and by sending out his disciples, Jesus calls all people to come together around him. But above all in the great Paschal mystery—his death on the cross and his Resurrection—he would accomplish the coming of his kingdom. "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." Into this union with Christ all men are called.²⁵⁰ (2233, 789) CCC

Hebrews 12:12

[\[12\]](#) Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, [\[13\]](#) And make straight steps with your feet: that no one, halting, may go out of the way; but rather be healed.

Luke 1: 51-52

[\[51\]](#) He hath shewed might in his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart. [\[52\]](#) He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble.

Luke 21:28

But when these things begin to come to pass, look up, and lift up your heads, because your redemption is at hand.

From the Book of Heaven

V2 – Jan. 14, 02 - "What do these words mean: He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has lifted up the lowly? That the soul, destroying herself completely, fills all of herself with God, and as she loves God with God Himself, God exalts the soul to an eternal love. This is the true and greatest exaltation, and also true humility." Then He continued: "The true sign to know whether one possesses this love is that the soul cares about nothing but loving God, making Him known, and making everyone love Him." Then, as He withdrew in my interior, I heard Him pray, saying: "Ever Holy and indivisible Trinity, I adore You profoundly, I love You intensely, I thank You perpetually, for all and in the hearts of all." And I went on in this way, hearing Him pray almost continuously inside of me, and I with Him.

V24 – June 12, 1928 - "My daughter, power I do not lack—neither do I lack Will; therefore it is I who must lift again decayed man and restore him, because the human will rendered the work of Our creative hands a wreck."

V27 – Dec. 29, 1929 - I felt within My little Humanity all the strength of Our Creative Power, the ardor of Our Love with which man was created; I felt the fibers of his innocence, of his sanctity, of his dominion with which he was invested. I felt within Me that happy man—oh! how I loved him; and since he had lost his place of honor, I took back his place, because it was befitting for Me to first place in Me the order of how man was created, and then descend into his misfortune in order to lift him up again and place him in safety.

"Therefore, in Me there were two continuous acts, fused in one—the happy Eden with which I was to place in force all the beauty, the sanctity, the sublimity of the creation of man; he was innocent and holy, and I, surpassing him, was not

only innocent and holy, but was the Eternal Word; and having within Me all possible and imaginable power, and an immutable Will, I was to completely reorder the beginning of the creation of man, and lift the fallen man up again. Otherwise, I would not act as God, nor would I love him as Our work, come out and created in an ardor of Our Love.

“Our Love would feel stopped and as though impotent—that cannot be—had I not completely mended the lot of fallen man, and the destiny of the way he was created. It would have been a slash to Our Creation, and it would have accused Us of weakness, had We not restored man completely. Therefore, Bethlehem was My first Eden, in which I did and embraced all the acts that innocent Adam did, and those that he would have done had he not fallen. Our Divinity expected with justice My requital in his place; and as I kept redoing what innocent Adam would have done, so I lowered Myself and stretched out My hand to lift him up again from his fallen state.