

*Jesus' Thoughts in Receiving the Cross
Gospel Reading for February 16, 2017
With Divine Will Truths
Mark 8:27-33*



Jesus and his disciples set out for the villages of Caesarea Philippi. Along the way he asked his disciples, «Who do people say that I AM?» They said in reply, "John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I AM?" Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Messiah." Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him. He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days. He spoke this openly. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

Article 2 AND IN JESUS CHRIST, HIS ONLY SON, OUR LORD (CCC)

II. Christ

440 *Jesus accepted Peter's profession of faith, which acknowledged Him to be the Messiah, by announcing the imminent Passion of the Son of Man.⁴⁰ He unveiled the authentic content of His Messianic Kingship both in the Transcendent Identity*

of the Son of Man "Who came down from Heaven," and in His Redemptive Mission as the Suffering Servant: "The Son of Man came not to be served but to Serve, and to give His Life as a Ransom for many."41 Hence the True Meaning of His Kingship is revealed only when He is Raised high on the Cross.42 Only after His Resurrection will Peter be able to proclaim Jesus' Messianic Kingship to the People of God: "Let all the house of Israel therefore know assuredly that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus Whom you crucified."43

From the Book of Heaven

V7 - July 27, 1906 - This morning, as my adorable Jesus made Himself seen Embracing the Cross, I thought in my interior: 'What were His Thoughts in receiving the Cross?' And He said to me: "My daughter, when I received the Cross, I Embraced It as My Dearest Treasure, because in the Cross I Dowered souls and Espoused them to Myself. Now, upon looking at the Cross – at Its Length and Breadth – I Rejoiced, because I saw in It sufficient Dowries for All My spouses, and none of them could fear not being able to Marry Me, because I held in My Own Hands – in the Cross – the Price of their Dowry. But with this condition alone: that if the soul accepts the little Gifts I send to her - which are the crosses - as the pledge of her acceptance of Me as her Spouse, the Marriage is Formed and I give her the Gift of the Dowry. If then she does not accept the Gifts – that is, if she is not Resigned to My Will – everything is undone, and even if I Want to Dower her, I cannot, because in order to Form a Marriage, it always takes the will of both sides; and since the soul does not accept My Gifts, it means that she does not want to accept the Marriage."

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