

“Then Will Jerusalem Repent”

Gospel Reading for October 27, 2016

With Divine Will Truths

Saint Luke 13:31-35

Some Pharisees came to Jesus and said, "Go away, leave this area because Herod wants to kill you."

He replied, "Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and I perform healings today and tomorrow, and on the third day I accomplish my purpose. Yet I must continue on my way today, tomorrow, and the following day, for it is impossible that a prophet should die outside of Jerusalem.'
Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how many times I yearned to gather Your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, but you were unwilling!
Behold, Your house will be abandoned. (But) I tell you, you will not see me until (the time comes when) you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

III. The Mysteries of Jesus' Public Life

Jesus' ascent to Jerusalem

557 *"When the days drew near for him to be taken up [Jesus] set his face to go to Jerusalem."*³⁰⁴ *By this decision he indicated that he was going up to Jerusalem prepared to die there. Three times he had announced his Passion and Resurrection; now, heading toward Jerusalem, Jesus says: "It cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem."*³⁰⁵

558 *Jesus recalls the martyrdom of the prophets who had been put to death in Jerusalem. Nevertheless he persists in calling Jerusalem to gather around him: "How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not!"*³⁰⁶ *When Jerusalem comes into view he weeps over her and expresses once again his heart's desire: "Would that even today you knew the things that make for peace! But now they are hid from Your eyes."*³⁰⁷ *Jesus' messianic entrance into Jerusalem*

559 *How will Jerusalem welcome her Messiah? Although Jesus had always refused popular attempts to make him king, he chooses the time and prepares the details for his messianic entry into the city of "his father David."*³⁰⁸ *Acclaimed as son of David, as the one who brings salvation (Hosanna means "Save!" or "Give salvation!"), the "King of glory" enters his City "riding on an ass."*³⁰⁹ *Jesus conquers the Daughter of Zion, a figure of his Church, neither by ruse nor by violence, but by the humility that bears witness to the truth.*³¹⁰ *And so the subjects of his kingdom on that day are children and God's poor, who acclaim him as had the angels when they announced him to the shepherds.*³¹¹ *Their acclamation, "Blessed be he who comes in the name of the Lord,"*³¹² *is taken up by the Church in the "Sanctus" of the Eucharistic liturgy that introduces the memorial of the Lord's Passover.*

From the Twenty-Four Hours of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ Second Hour

My sweet Jesus, love directs me toward Your steps and I reach You, as You walk along the streets of Jerusalem together with Your beloved disciples. I look at You and I see You still pale. I hear Your voice, sweet, yes, but sad - so much as to break the heart of Your disciples, who feel troubled.

"This is the last time", You say, "that I walk along these streets by Myself. Tomorrow I will walk through them, bound and dragged among a thousand insults". And pointing out the places where You will be most insulted and tortured, You continue: "My life down here is about to set, just as the Sun is now setting, and tomorrow at this hour I will no longer be here! But, like Sun, I will rise again on the third day!"

At Your words, the apostles become sad and taciturn, not knowing what to answer. But You add: "Courage, do not lose heart; I will not leave you, I will be always with you. But it is necessary that I die for the good of you all."

In saying these words, You are moved, but with trembling voice You continue to instruct them. And before enclosing Yourself in the cenacle, You look at the sun which is setting, just as Your life is setting; You offer Your steps for those who find themselves at the setting of their life, giving them the grace to let it set in You, and repairing for those who, in spite of the sorrows and disillusion of life, are obstinate in not wanting to surrender to You.

Then You look at Jerusalem again, the center of Your prodigies and of the predilections of Your Heart - Jerusalem which, in return, is preparing Your cross and

is sharpening the nails to commit the deicide; and You tremble, Your Heart breaks - and You cry over its destruction.

With this, You repair for many souls consecrated to You, whom You tried to form with so much care as portents of Your love, but ungrateful and unrequiting, they make You suffer more bitternesses! I want to repair together with You, to sweeten the stabbing of Your Heart.

But I see that You are horrified at the sight of Jerusalem, and withdrawing Your gaze, You enter the cenacle. My Love, hold me tightly to Your Heart, that I may make Your bitternesses my own, to offer them together with You. And You, look with pity upon my soul, and pouring Your Love into it - bless me.

From the Book of Heaven

V24 - Oct. 3, 1928 - *“My daughter, if Rome has the primacy of My Church, she owes it to Jerusalem, because the beginning of Redemption was precisely in Jerusalem. Within that homeland, from the little town of Nazareth I chose My Virgin Mother; I Myself was born in the little town of Bethlehem, and all of My Apostles were from that homeland. And even though, ungrateful, she did not want to recognize Me and rejected the goods of My Redemption, it cannot be denied that the origin, the beginning, the first people who received the good of It, were from this city. The first criers of the Gospel, those who established Catholicism in Rome, were My Apostles, all from Jerusalem—that is, from this homeland.*

“Now there will be an exchange: if Jerusalem gave to Rome the life of religion and therefore of Redemption, Rome will give to Jerusalem the Kingdom of the Divine Will. And this is so true, that just as I chose a Virgin from the little town of Nazareth for the Redemption, so I have chosen another virgin in a little town of Italy belonging to Rome, to whom the mission of the Kingdom of the Divine Fiat has been entrusted. And since It must be known in Rome, just as My coming upon earth was known in Jerusalem, Rome will have the great honor of requiting Jerusalem for the great Gift received from her, which is Redemption, by making known to her the Kingdom of My Will.

“Then will Jerusalem repent of her ingratitude, and will embrace the life of the religion that she gave to Rome; and, grateful, she will receive from Rome the life and the great Gift of the Kingdom of My Divine Will. And not only Jerusalem, but all the other nations will receive from Rome the great Gift of the Kingdom of My Fiat, the first criers of It, Its Gospel—all full of peace, of happiness and of restoration of the creation of man.

