

Jesus Pities the souls who do not Live in His Divine Will

Gospel Reading for January 30, 2017

With Divine Will Truths

Saint Mark 5:1-20

Jesus and his disciples came to the other side of the sea, to the territory of the Gerasenes. When he got out of the boat, at once a man from the tombs who had an unclean spirit met him. The man had been dwelling among the tombs, and no one could restrain him any longer, even with a chain. In fact, he had frequently been bound with shackles and chains, but the chains had been pulled apart by him and the shackles smashed, and no one was strong enough to subdue him. Night and day among the tombs and on the hillsides he was always crying out and bruising himself with stones. Catching sight of Jesus from a distance, he ran up and prostrated himself before him, crying out in a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me!" (He had been saying to him, "Unclean spirit, come out of the man!") He asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "Legion is my name. There are many of us." And he pleaded earnestly with him not to drive them away from that territory.

Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside.

And they pleaded with him, "Send us into the swine. Let us enter them."

And he let them, and the unclean spirits came out and entered the swine. The herd of about two thousand rushed down a steep bank into the sea, where they were drowned. The swineherds ran away and reported the incident in the town and throughout the countryside. And people came out to see what had happened. As they approached Jesus, they caught sight of the man who had been possessed by Legion, sitting there clothed and in his right mind. And they were seized with fear. Those who witnessed the incident explained to them what had happened to the possessed man and to the swine. Then they began to beg him to leave their district. As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed pleaded to remain with him. But he would not permit him but told him instead, "Go home to your family and announce to them all that the Lord in his pity has done for you. "Then the man went off and began to proclaim in the Decapolis what Jesus had done for him; and all were amazed.

III. The Mysteries of Jesus' Public Life (CCC)

The signs of the Kingdom of God

550 *The coming of God's Kingdom means the defeat of Satan's: "If it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the Kingdom of God has come upon you."*²⁷⁷ *Jesus' exorcisms free some individuals from the domination of demons.*

*They anticipate Jesus' great Victory over "the ruler of this world."*²⁷⁸ *The Kingdom of God will be definitively established through Christ's cross: "God Reigned from the wood."*²⁷⁹

From the Book of Heaven

V36 – Apr. 12, 1938 – *"...O, poor creatures without My continuous Will. How weak they grow—so nervous and ill as to move to pity! How I pity them. Finally, one who is not even resigned—blind and with no sense of smell, loses the taste for every good. She is a poor paralytic who can't really help herself. She imprisons herself in a web of unhappiness and sins, and is not able to get out."*

V36 – May 2, 1938 – *"...outside of Our Will, love is weak, Wisdom is insipid, Goodness turns into defects, Order into disorder. Poor creature, without Our Will, how We pity her! Furthermore, Loving Our creature Incessantly, We want to find in her Unceasing Love, but when she doesn't love Us she forms big gaps of love in her soul, and Our Love, unable to find Itself in those gaps, does not know where to lean. It remains suspended, goes wandering, runs—flies, not finding who would receive It. It shouts, in agonizing pains: 'I am not loved, I cannot find one who Loves me.'"*

V36 – Oct. 2, 1938 – *"...If you knew how much I pity a soul who lives without My Will. I could call her 'the painful scene of the Creation.' I, who Created all things with such Beauty and harmony, am forced, because of human ingratitude, to see the most Beautiful creatures I made, poor, weak, covered with wounds—to move to pity. And still, My Will is at everyone's disposal. It is not denied to anybody. Only those who reject It, who, ungrateful, do not want to know It, voluntarily deprive themselves of It. Great Pain for Us."*

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