

“The finding of Jesus in the Temple”...



FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO – LUKE–:

“After they had completed [the days of the feast], ... Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it... After three days they found him in the temple... and his mother said to him, ... Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety.’ And he said to them, ‘Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must [be about my Father’s business]? ’” (Luke 2:43-49)¹

MEDITATION ON THE MYSTERY:

Lord, when others are searching for us and are disturbed because we have left the old world or are behaving in a new way, give us the grace to tell them what Your Little Son Jesus says: “Why are you looking for me? Don’t you know that I must be about my Father’s business?” (cf. Luke 2:49). (cf. SLC, p. 227)

FROM THE TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

- In regards to not getting lost because of our agitation in the face of difficulty, St. Francis de Sales says: “Agitation is not a simple temptation... When the soul... does not immediately find what it is looking for... it enters into a state of anxiety and boundless disorientation, with such loss of courage and strength that it seems to the soul that its trouble is incurable.” (FRANCIS DE SALES, *Philothea*, IV.11)

¹ NABRE (USCCB); final phrase from the Italian Jerusalem Bible (CEI) 2008, unpublished translation by pfgsm

FREE AND PERSONAL MEDITATION

(for a personal contribution to give to those who listen):

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Then follows ...

- 1 Our Father ...
- 5 Hail Mary ...
- 1 Glory be to the Father ... (Sung)

- Praised be,,,
- O my Jesus, forgive us...
- Mary, Queen of Peace ...
- Then, a quick song relevant to the mystery / or one sings : “ Aveeeee, Aveeeee, Ave Maria”

Then one goes on to the next Mystery which (like this one) if possible must not take more than 5-7 minutes ...