

“The Birth of Baby Jesus”...



FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO - *MATTHEW* - :

“When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem... and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage.” (Matt 2:1, 11)¹

MEDITATION ON THE MYSTERY:

What does the Apostle mean when he says, *“When I was a child, I used to talk as a child, think as a child, reason as a child; when I became a man, I put aside childish things” (1Cor 13:11)*, given that Jesus says, *“unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven” (Matt 18:3)?*
(cf. SLC, p. 129)

FROM THE TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

- In regards to being attentive like children, St. Maximus of Turin says, *“The Lord, says, ‘if you do not become like this child, you will not enter the Kingdom of heaven’ (cf. Matt 18:3). And who is this child whom the Lord gives as an example to his disciples? ...The Lord himself is this child, who asks the ‘little ones’ to imitate him and follow him.”* (MASSIMO DI TORINO, *Omellie*, 58, in: PL 57, 363-366, unpublished translation by pfsgrm)

¹ Biblical quotations are taken from the NABRE (USCCB)

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 ...