

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

FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO - *LUKE* - :

“After they had completed [the days of the feast], as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it... After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions” (Luke 2:43, 46)¹

MEDITATION ON THE MYSTERY:

In every situation, Lord, give us the grace to be little walking and talking Bibles! This way, inspired by God, we can go throughout the world from one Temple to the next: teaching, convincing, correcting, and forming many people in the way of justice – so that everyone, from the lost sheep to the man of God, may be complete and prepared for every good work. (cf. 2Tim3:16-17). (cf. SLC p. 228)

FROM THE TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

- In regards to finding the lost sheep, Pope Francis writes: *“We must not be closed in or we will smell like stale things. Never! We need to go forth....To find the one who is lost is the joy of the shepherd and of God, but it is also the joy of the flock as a whole! We are all sheep who have been retrieved and brought back by the mercy of the Lord, and we are called to gather the whole flock to the Lord!”*

(POPE FRANCIS, General Audience, 4 May 2016)

¹ 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 ...