

## “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)<sup>1</sup>*

### MEDITATION ON THE MYSTERY:

Lord, give us the grace to do and to say what You desire; and when others are searching for us because we have left the old world or are behaving in a new way, help us tell them what Your Little Son Jesus teaches us to say: *‘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:

- Regarding zeal for God, St. John Henry Newman says: *It is the main principle in all religious service to love God above all things; now, Zeal is to love Him above all men, above our dearest and most intimate friends.... Being thus consumed by Zeal Himself [cf. Luke 2:48-49; John 2:15], [it is] no wonder [that Jesus] should choose His followers from among the Zealous.”*

(J.H. NEWMAN, “Christian Zeal”, in *Parochial and Plain Sermons*, II. *New Impression*: Longmans, Green, & Co., 1908)

<sup>1</sup> NABRE (USCCB); final phrase from the Italian Jerusalem Bible (CEI) 2008, unpublished translation by pfsgm

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#### 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 ...*