

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¹ NABRE (USCCB); final phrase from the Italian Jerusalem Bible (CEI) 2008, unpublished translation by pfsgm

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 ...