

GOSPEL: (Mk 8:27-35)

Jesus and his disciples set out for the villages of Caesarea Philippi. Along the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” They said in reply, “John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets.”

And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter said to him in reply, “You are the Christ.”

Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him. He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days. He spoke this openly. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.” He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it.”

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Sooner would heaven and earth turn into nothingness than would My mercy not embrace a trusting soul.

O Immortal God, my everlasting delight, already here on earth You are my heaven. May every beat of my heart be a new hymn of praise to You, O Holy Trinity! Had I as many hearts as there are drops of water in the ocean or grains of sand in the whole world, I would offer them all to You, O my Love, O Treasure of my heart! Whomever I shall meet in my life, no matter who they may be, I want to draw them all to love You, **O my Jesus, my Beauty, my Repose, my sole Master, Judge, Savior and Spouse, all in one**; I know that one title will modify the other — I have entrusted everything to Your mercy.

- ➔ Today, Jesus, who wants to bestow and save everyone, asks a specific question:
“But who do you say that I am?”
- ➔ In personal prayer, I will sincerely confess to Jesus who He is for me and invite Him to my life as the only Lord and Savior.
- ➔ I will ask the Holy Spirit for the grace of drawing others to love Jesus.