

THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES

The Annunciation (Humility)

(1) (Luke 1:26) And in the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God into a city of Galilee, called Nazareth, 27 To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

(2) 28 And the angel being come in, said unto her: Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

(3) 29 Who having heard, was troubled at his saying, and thought with herself what manner of salutation this should be.

(4) 30 And the angel said to her: Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found grace with God. 31 Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and shalt bring forth a son; and thou shalt call his name Jesus.

(5) 32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the most High; and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of David his father; and he shall reign in the house of Jacob for ever. 33 And of his kingdom there shall be no end.

(6) 34 And Mary said to the angel: How shall this be done, because I know not man?

(7) 35 And the angel answering, said to her: The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the most High shall overshadow thee. And therefore also the Holy which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

(8) 36 And behold thy cousin Elizabeth, she also hath conceived a son in her old age; and this is the sixth month with her that is called barren: 37 Because no word shall be impossible with God.

(9) 38 And Mary said: Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done to me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

(10) (Jn 1:14) And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us...

The Visitation (Love of Neighbor)

(1) (Luke 1:39) And Mary rising up in those days, went into the hill country with haste into a city of Juda. 40 And she entered into the house of Zachary, and saluted Elizabeth.

(2) 41 And it came to pass, that when Elizabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the infant leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost:

(3) 42 And she cried out with a loud voice, and said: Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

(4) 43 And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

(5) 44 For behold as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. 45 And blessed art thou that hast believed, because those things shall be accomplished that were spoken to thee by the Lord.

(6) 46 And Mary said: My soul doth magnify the Lord. 47 And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. 48 Because he hath regarded the humility of his handmaid;

(7) for behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. 49 Because he that is mighty, hath done great things to me; and holy is his name.

(8) 50 And his mercy is from generation unto generations, to them that fear him. 51 He hath shewed might in his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart.

(9) 52 He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble. 53 He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.

(10) 54 He hath received Israel his servant, being mindful of his mercy: 55 As he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for ever. 56 And Mary abode with her about three months; and she returned to her own house.

The Nativity of the Lord (Poverty of Spirit)

(1) (Luke 2: 1) And it came to pass, that in those days there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that the whole world should be enrolled. 2 This enrolling was first made by Cyrinus, the governor of Syria.

(2) 3 And all went to be enrolled, every one into his own city. 4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem: because he was of the house and family of David,

(3) 5 To be enrolled with Mary his espoused wife, who was with child. 6 And it came to pass, that when they were there, her days were accomplished, that she should be delivered.

(4) 7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him up in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

(5) 8 And there were in the same country shepherds watching, and keeping the night watches over their flock. 9 And behold an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the brightness of God shone round about them; and they feared with a great fear.

(6) 10 And the angel said to them: Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, that shall be to all the people: 11 For, this day, is born to you a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord, in the city of David.

(7) 12 And this shall be a sign unto you. You shall find the infant wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger. 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army, praising God, and saying: 14 Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace to men of good will.

(8) 15 And it came to pass, after the angels departed from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another: Let us go over to Bethlehem, and let us see this word that is come to pass, which the Lord hath shewed to us. 16 And they came with haste; and they found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger.

(9) 17 And seeing, they understood of the word that had been spoken to them concerning this child. 18 And all that heard, wondered; and at those things that were told them by the shepherds.

(10) 19 But Mary kept all these words, pondering them in her heart. 20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God, for all the things they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

The Presentation in the Temple (Purity of mind and body)

(1) (Luke 2: 22) And after the days of her purification, according to the law of Moses, were accomplished, they carried him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord:

(2) 23 As it is written in the law of the Lord: Every male opening the womb shall be called holy to the Lord 24 And to offer a sacrifice, according as it is written in the law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons

(3) 25 And behold there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Ghost was in him. 26 And he had received an answer from the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Christ of the Lord.

(4) 27 And he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when his parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, 28 He also took him into his arms, and blessed God,

(5) and said, 29 Now thou dost dismiss thy servant, O Lord, according to thy word in peace; 30 Because my eyes have seen thy salvation, 31 Which thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples: 32 A light to the revelation of the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

(6) 33 And his father and mother were wondering at those things which were spoken concerning him. 34 And Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary his mother: Behold this child is set for the fall, and for the resurrection of many in Israel, and for a sign which shall be contradicted; 35 And thy own soul a sword shall pierce, that, out of many hearts, thoughts may be revealed.

(7) 36 And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser; she was far advanced in years, and had lived with her husband seven years from her virginity. 37 And she was a widow until fourscore and four years; who departed not from the temple, by fastings and prayers serving night and day.

(8) 38 Now she, at the same hour, coming in, confessed to the Lord; and spoke of him to all that looked for the redemption of Israel.

(9) 39 And after they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their city Nazareth.

(10) 40 And the child grew, and waxed strong, full of wisdom; and the grace of God was in him.

The Finding of Jesus in the Temple (Obedience)

(1) (Luke 2:41 And his parents went every year to Jerusalem, at the solemn day of the pasch, 42 And when he was twelve years old, they going up into Jerusalem, according to the custom of the feast,

(2) 43 And having fulfilled the days, when they returned, the child Jesus remained in Jerusalem; and his parents knew it not.

(3) 44 And thinking that he was in the company, they came a day's journey, and sought him among their kinsfolks and acquaintance.

(4) 45 And not finding him, they returned into Jerusalem, seeking him.

(5) 46 And it came to pass, that, after three days, they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, hearing them, and asking them questions. 47 And all that heard him were astonished at his wisdom and his answers.

(6) 48 And seeing him, they wondered. And his mother said to him: "Son, why hast thou done so to us? Behold thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing."

(7) 49 And he said to them: "**How is it that you sought me? Did you not know, that I must be about my father' s business?"**

(8) 50 And they understood not the word that he spoke unto them.

(9) 51 And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them. And his mother kept all these words in her heart.

(10) 52 And Jesus advanced in wisdom, and age, and grace with God and men.

THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

The Agony in the Garden (Sorrow for Sins and Accepting God's Will)

(1) (Mark 14:32) And they came to a farm called Gethsemani. And he saith to his disciples: Sit you here, while I pray.

(2) 33 And he taketh Peter and James and John with him; and he began to fear and to be heavy. 34 And he saith to them: "**My soul is sorrowful even unto death; stay you here, and watch.**"

(3) 35 And when he was gone forward a little, he fell flat on the ground; and he prayed, that if it might be, the hour might pass from him. 36 And he saith: "**Abba, Father, all things are possible to thee: remove this chalice from me; but not what I will, but what thou wilt.**"

(4) 37 And he cometh, and findeth them sleeping. And he saith to Peter: “**Simon, sleepest thou? Couldst thou not watch one hour? 38 Watch ye, and pray that you enter not into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.** 39 And going away again, he prayed, saying the same words.

(5) (Luke 22:43) And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. And being in an agony, he prayed the longer. 44 And his sweat became as drops of blood, trickling down upon the ground.

(6) (Mark 14:40) And when he returned, he found them again asleep, (for their eyes were heavy,) and they knew not what to answer him. 41 And he cometh the third time, and saith to them: “**Sleep ye now, and take your rest. It is enough: the hour is come: behold the Son of man shall be betrayed into the hands of sinners. 42 Rise up, let us go. Behold, he that will betray me is at hand.**”

(7) 43 And while he was yet speaking, cometh Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve: and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and the scribes and the ancients. And he that betrayed him, had given them a sign, saying: Whomsoever I shall kiss, that is he; lay hold on him, and lead him away carefully.

(8) 45 And when he was come, immediately going up to him, he saith: Hail, Rabbi; and he kissed him. (Luke 22:48) And Jesus said to him: “**Judas, dost thou betray the Son of man with a kiss?**” (John 18:10) Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it, and struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear. And the name of the servant was Malchus.

(9) (Luke 22:51) But Jesus answering, said: “**Suffer ye thus far.**” And when he had touched his ear, he healed him. (Matt 26:52) Then Jesus saith to him: “**Put up again thy sword into its place: for all that take the sword shall perish with the sword. 53 Thinkest thou that I cannot ask my Father, and he will give me presently more than twelve legions of angels? 54 How then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that so it must be done?**”

(10) 55 In that same hour Jesus said to the multitudes: “**You are come out as it were to a robber with swords and clubs to apprehend me. I sat daily with you, teaching in the temple, and you laid not hands on me. 56 Now all this was done, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.**” Then the disciples all leaving him, fled.

The Scourging at the Pillar (Mortification of the Senses)

(1) (Mark 14:53) And they brought Jesus to the high priest; and all the priests and the scribes and the ancients assembled together. ... 55 And the chief priests and all the council sought for evidence against Jesus, that they might put him to death, and found none. 56 For many bore false witness against him, and their evidences were not agreeing.

(2) ... 60 And the high priest rising up in the midst, asked Jesus, saying: Answerest thou nothing to the things that are laid to thy charge by these men? 61 But he held his peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him, and said to him: Art thou the Christ the Son of the blessed God?

(3) 62 And Jesus said to him: “**I AM. And you shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of the power of God, and coming with the clouds of heaven.**” 63 Then the high priest rending his garments, saith: What need we any further witnesses? 64 You have heard the blasphemy. What think you? Who all condemned him to be guilty of death.

(4) 65 And some began to spit on him, and to cover his face, and to buffet him, and to say unto him: Prophesy: and the servants struck him with the palms of their hands. (Mark 15:1) And straightway in the morning, the chief priests holding a consultation with the ancients and the scribes and the whole council, binding Jesus, led him away, and delivered him to Pilate. 2 And Pilate asked him: Art thou the king of the Jews? But he answering, saith to him: **“Thou sayest it.”**

(5) 3 And the chief priests accused him in many things. 4 And Pilate again asked him, saying: Answerest thou nothing? behold in how many things they accuse thee. 5 But Jesus still answered nothing; so that Pilate wondered. 6 Now on the festival day he was wont to release unto them one of the prisoners, whomsoever they demanded. 7 And there was one called Barabbas, who was put in prison with some seditious men, who in the sedition had committed murder. 8 And when the multitude was come up, they began to desire that he would do, as he had ever done unto them.

(6) 9 And Pilate answered them, and said: Will you that I release to you the king of the Jews? 10 For he knew that the chief priests had delivered him up out of envy. 11 But the chief priests moved the people, that he should rather release Barabbas to them. 12 And Pilate again answering, saith to them: What will you then that I do to the king of the Jews? 13 But they again cried out: Crucify him.

(7) 14 And Pilate saith to them: Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more: Crucify him. 15 And so Pilate being willing to satisfy the people, released to them Barabbas, and delivered up Jesus, when he had scourged him, to be crucified.

(8) (Isaiah 53:4) Surely he hath borne our infirmities and carried our sorrows: and we have thought him as it were a leper, and as one struck by God and afflicted. 5 But he was wounded for our iniquities, he was bruised for our sins: the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and by his bruises we are healed.

(9) 6 All we like sheep have gone astray, every one hath turned aside into his own way: and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. 7... [H]e shall be led as a sheep to the slaughter, and shall be dumb as a lamb before his shearer, and he shall not open his mouth. ...

(10) 12 Therefore will I distribute to him very many, and he shall divide the spoils of the strong, because he hath delivered his soul unto death, and was reputed with the wicked: and he hath borne the sins of many, and hath prayed for the transgressors.

The Crowning with Thorns (Kingship of Christ)

(1) (Matt 27:24) And Pilate seeing that he prevailed nothing, but that rather a tumult was made; taking water washed his hands before the people, saying: I am innocent of the blood of this just man; look you to it.

(2) 25 And the whole people answering, said: His blood be upon us and our children. ... 27 Then the soldiers of the governor taking Jesus into the hall, gathered together unto him the whole band;

(3) 28 And stripping him, they put a scarlet cloak about him. 29 And plating a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand.

(4) And bowing the knee before him, they mocked him, saying: Hail, king of the Jews. 30 And spitting upon him, they took the reed, and struck his head.

(5) (John 19:4) Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith to them: Behold, I bring him forth unto you, that you may know that I find no cause in him. 5 Jesus therefore came forth, bearing the crown of thorns and the purple garment. And he saith to them: Behold the Man.

(6) 6 When the chief priests, therefore, and the servants, had seen him, they cried out, saying: Crucify him, crucify him. Pilate saith to them: Take him you, and crucify him: for I find no cause in him.

(7) 7 The Jews answered him: We have a law; and according to the law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God. [8] When Pilate therefore had heard this saying, he feared the more. 9 And he entered into the hall again, and he said to Jesus: Whence art thou? But Jesus gave him no answer.

(8) 10 Pilate therefore saith to him: Speakest thou not to me? Knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and I have power to release thee? 11 Jesus answered: **Thou shouldst not have any power against me, unless it were given thee from above. Therefore, he that hath delivered me to thee, hath the greater sin.**”

(9) 12 And from henceforth Pilate sought to release him. But the Jews cried out, saying: If thou release this man, thou art not Caesar's friend. For whosoever maketh himself a king, speaketh against Caesar. 13 Now when Pilate had heard these words, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment seat, in the place that is called Lithostrotos, and in Hebrew Gabbatha.

(10) 14 And it was the parasceve of the pasch, about the sixth hour, and he saith to the Jews: Behold your king. 15 But they cried out: Away with him; away with him; crucify him. Pilate saith to them: Shall I crucify your king? The chief priests answered: We have no king but Caesar.

The Carrying of the Cross (Patience in Suffering)

(1) One condemned to death by crucifixion is forced to carry the cross to the place of execution.

(2) The suffering of Jesus is intense as the cross is laid on His bruised and wounded back and shoulders.

(3) (John 19:16) Then therefore he delivered him to them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led him forth. 17 And bearing his own cross, he went forth to that place which is called Calvary, but in Hebrew Golgotha.

(4) (Luke 23:26) And as they led him away, they laid hold of one Simon of Cyrene, coming from the country; and they laid the cross on him to carry after Jesus.

(5) 27 And there followed him a great multitude of people, and of women, who bewailed and lamented him. 28 But Jesus turning to them, said: **Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not over me; but weep for yourselves, and for your children.**

(6) Weak and exhausted from loss of blood, lack of food and rest, Jesus falls three times under the cross.

(7) Jesus meets His afflicted Mother causing untold anguish in the Hearts of Son and Mother.

(8) The countenance of Jesus is disfigured with blood and sweat, with dust and spittle.

(9) Veronica wipes His face, leaving on her towel the image of His countenance.

(10) (Mark 8:34) ... **If any man will follow me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.**

The Crucifixion (Christ-like Forgiveness)

(1) (Mark 15:23) And they gave him to drink wine mingled with myrrh; but he took it not. 24 And crucifying him, they divided his garments, casting lots upon them, what every man should take. 25 It was the third hour, and they crucified him. 26 And the inscription of his cause was written over: THE KING OF THE JEWS. 27 And with him they crucify two thieves; the one on his right hand, and the other on his left.

(2) (Luke 23:34) And Jesus said: **Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do...** 35 And the people stood beholding, and the rulers with them derided him, saying: He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the elect of God. ...39 And one of those robbers who were hanged, blasphemed him, saying: If thou be Christ, save thyself and us.

(3) 40 But the other answering, rebuked him, saying: Neither dost thou fear God, seeing thou art condemned under the same condemnation? 41 And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this man hath done no evil. 42 And he said to Jesus: Lord, remember me when thou shalt come into thy kingdom. 43 And Jesus said to him: **Amen I say to thee, this day thou shalt be with me in paradise.**

(4) (John 19:26) When Jesus therefore had seen his mother and the disciple standing whom he loved, he saith to his mother: **Woman, behold thy son.** 27 After that, he saith to the disciple: **Behold thy mother.** And from that hour, the disciple took her to his own.

(5) (Mark 15:33) And when the sixth hour was come, there was darkness over the whole earth until the ninth hour. 34 And at the ninth hour, Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying: **Eloi, Eloi, lamma sabacthani?** Which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

(6) 28 Afterwards, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, said: **I thirst.** 29 Now there was a vessel set there full of vinegar. And they, putting a sponge full of vinegar and hyssop, put it to his mouth. 30 Jesus therefore, when he had taken the vinegar, said: **It is consummated.** ...

(7) (Luke 23:46) And Jesus crying out with a loud voice, said: **Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit.** And saying this, he gave up the ghost. (Mark 15:39) And the centurion who stood over against him, seeing that crying out in this manner he had given up the ghost, said: Indeed this man was the son of God.

(8) (Matt 27:51) And behold the veil of the temple was rent in two from the top even to the bottom, and the earth quaked, and the rocks were rent. 52 And the graves were opened: and many bodies of the saints that had slept arose, 53 And coming out of the tombs after his resurrection, came into the holy city, and appeared to many.

(9) (John 19:31) Then the Jews, (because it was the parasceve,) that the bodies might not remain on the cross on the sabbath day, (for that was a great sabbath day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. ... 33 But after they were come to Jesus, when they saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. 34 But one of the soldiers with a spear opened his side, and immediately there came out blood and water.

(10) (Matt 27:57) And when it was evening, there came a certain rich man of Arimathea, named Joseph, who also himself was a disciple of Jesus. 58 He went to Pilate, and asked the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded that the body should be delivered. 59 And Joseph taking the body, wrapped it up in a clean linen cloth. 60 laid it in his own new monument, which he had hewed out in a rock. And he rolled a great stone to the door of the monument, and went his way.

THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

The Resurrection (Faith)

(1) (John 20:1) And on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalen cometh early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre; and she saw the stone taken away from the sepulchre. 2 She ran, therefore, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and saith to them: They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him.

(2) 3 Peter therefore went out, and that other disciple, and they came to the sepulchre. 4 And they both ran together, and that other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre. 5 And when he stooped down, he saw the linen cloths lying; but yet he went not in.

(3) 6 Then cometh Simon Peter, following him, and went into the sepulchre, and saw the linen cloths lying, 7 And the napkin that had been about his head, not lying with the linen cloths, but apart, wrapped up into one place.

(4) 8 Then that other disciple also went in, who came first to the sepulchre: and he saw, and believed. 9 For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead. 10 The disciples therefore departed again to their home.

(5) 11 But Mary stood at the sepulchre without, weeping. Now as she was weeping, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre, 12 And she saw two angels in white, sitting, one at the head, and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had been laid.

(6) 13 They say to her: Woman, why weepest thou? She saith to them: Because they have taken away my Lord; and I know not where they have laid him. 14 When she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing; and she knew not that it was Jesus.

(7) 15 Jesus saith to her: **Woman, why weepest thou? Whom seekest thou?** She, thinking it was the gardener, saith to him: Sir, if thou hast taken him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away. 16 Jesus saith to her: **Mary.** She turning, saith to him: Rabboni (which is to say, Master).

(8) 17 Jesus saith to her: **Do not touch me, for I am not yet ascended to my Father. But go to my brethren, and say to them: I ascend to my Father and to your Father, to my God and your God.** 18 Mary Magdalen cometh, and telleth the disciples: I have seen the Lord, and these things he said to me.

(9) 19 Now when it was late that same day, the first of the week, and the doors were shut, where the disciples were gathered together, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them: **Peace be to you.** 20 And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples therefore were glad, when they saw the Lord.

(10) 21 He said therefore to them again: **Peace be to you. As the Father hath sent me, I also send you.** 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them; and he said to them: **Receive ye the Holy Ghost.** 23 **Whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them; and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained.**

The Ascension (Christian Hope)

(1) (John 21:15) When therefore they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter: **Simon son of John, lovest thou me more than these?** He saith to him: Yea, Lord, thou knowest that I love thee. He saith to him: **Feed my lambs.**

(2) 16 He saith to him again: **Simon, son of John, lovest thou me?** He saith to him: Yea, Lord, thou knowest that I love thee. He saith to him: **Feed my lambs.**

(3) 17 He said to him the third time: **Simon, son of John, lovest thou me?** Peter was grieved, because he had said to him the third time: Lovest thou me? And he said to him: Lord, thou knowest all things: thou knowest that I love thee. He said to him: **Feed my sheep.**

(4) (Luke 24:44) And he said to them: **These are the words which I spoke to you, while I was yet with you, that all things must needs be fulfilled, which are written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.**

(5) 45 Then he opened their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures. [46] And he said to them: **Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise again from the dead, the third day: 47 and that penance and remission of sins should be preached in his name, unto all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.**

(6) 48 **And you are witnesses of these things.** [49] **And I send the promise of my Father upon you: but stay you in the city till you be endued with power from on high.**

(7) (Matt 28:18) And Jesus coming, spoke to them, saying: **All power is given to me in heaven and in earth. 19 Going therefore, teach ye all nations; baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and behold I am with you all days, even to the consummation of the world.**

(8) (Acts 1:6) They therefore who were come together, asked him, saying: Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? 7 But he said to them: **It is not for you to know the times or moments, which the Father hath put in his own power: 8 But you shall receive the power of the Holy Ghost coming upon you, and you shall be witnesses unto me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and even to the uttermost part of the earth.**

(9) 9 And when he had said these things, while they looked on, he was raised up: and a cloud received him out of their sight. 10 and while they were beholding him going up to heaven, behold two men stood by them in white garments.

(10) 11 Who also said: Ye men of Galilee, why stand you looking up to heaven? This Jesus who is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come, as you have seen him going into heaven. (Luke 24:52) And they adoring went back into Jerusalem with great joy. 53 And they were always in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.

The Descent of the Holy Ghost (Gifts of the Holy Ghost)

(1) (Acts 2:1) And when the days of the Pentecost were accomplished, they were all together in one place: 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a mighty wind coming, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

(2) 3 And there appeared to them parted tongues as it were of fire, and it sat upon every one of them: 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they began to speak with divers tongues, according as the Holy Ghost gave them to speak.

(3) 5 Now there were dwelling at Jerusalem, Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. 6 And when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded in mind, because that every man heard them speak in his own tongue. 7 And they were all amazed, and wondered, saying: Behold, are not all these, that speak, Galileans? 8 And how have we heard, every man our own tongue wherein we were born?... 13 But others mocking, said: These men are full of new wine.

(4) 14 But Peter standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and spoke to them: Ye men of Judea, and all you that dwell in Jerusalem, be this known to you, and with your ears receive my words. 15 For these are not drunk, as you suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day: 16 But this is that which was spoken of by the prophet Joel: 17 And it shall come to pass, in the last days, (saith the Lord,) I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: ...

(5) 18 And upon my servants indeed, and upon my handmaids will I pour out in those days of my spirit, and they shall prophesy.... 21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord, shall be saved. 22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you, by miracles, and wonders, and signs, which God did by him, in the midst of you, as you also know: 23 This same being delivered up, by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, you by the hands of wicked men have crucified and slain.

(6) 24 Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the sorrows of hell, as it was impossible that he should be holden by it. 25 For David saith concerning him: I foresaw the Lord before my face: because he is at my right hand, that I may not be moved. 26 For this my heart hath been glad, and my tongue hath rejoiced: moreover my flesh also shall rest in hope. 27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, nor suffer thy Holy One to see corruption. 28 Thou hast made known to me the ways of life: thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance.

(7) 29 Ye men, brethren, let me freely speak to you of the patriarch David; that he died, and was buried; and his sepulchre is with us to this present day. 30 Whereas therefore he was a prophet, and knew that God hath sworn to him with an oath, that of the fruit of his loins one should sit upon his throne. 31 Foreseeing this, he spoke of the resurrection of Christ. For neither was he left in hell, neither did his flesh see corruption. 32 This Jesus hath God raised again, whereof all we are witnesses.

(8) 33 Being exalted therefore by the right hand of God, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath poured forth this which you see and hear. 34 For David ascended not into heaven; but he himself said: The Lord said to my Lord, sit

thou on my right hand, 35 Until I make thy enemies thy footstool. 36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know most certainly, that God hath made both Lord and Christ, this same Jesus, whom you have crucified.

(9) 37 Now when they had heard these things, they had compunction in their heart, and said to Peter, and to the rest of the apostles: What shall we do, men and brethren? 38 But Peter said to them: Do penance, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of your sins: and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. 39 For the promise is to you, and to your children, and to all that are far off, whomsoever the Lord our God shall call.

(10) 40 And with very many other words did he testify and exhort them, saying: Save yourselves from this perverse generation. 41 They therefore that received his word, were baptized; and there were added in that day about three thousand souls. 42 And they were persevering in the doctrine of the apostles, and in the communication of the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (To Jesus through Mary)

(1) (M.D. 40) *“Hence the revered Mother of God, from all eternity joined in a hidden way with Jesus Christ in one and the same decree of predestination, ... finally obtained, as the supreme culmination of her privileges, that she should be preserved free from the corruption of the tomb and that, like her own Son, having overcome death, she might be taken up body and soul to the glory of heaven where, as Queen, she sits in splendor at the right hand of her Son, the immortal King of the Ages.*

(2) (M.D. 44) *“For which reason...by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and by our own authority, we pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.”*

(3) Genesis 3:15) I will put enmities between thee and the woman, and thy seed and her seed: she shall crush thy head, and thou shalt lie in wait for her heel. ...

(4) (20) And Adam called the name of his wife Eve: because she was the mother of all the living.

(5) (Wis 5:16) But the just shall live for evermore: and their reward is with the Lord, and the care of them with the most High. 17 Therefore shall they receive a kingdom of glory, and a crown of beauty at the hand of the Lord: for with his right hand he will cover them, and with his holy arm he will defend them.

(6) After Mary's burial the apostles go to the tomb and find only fragrant lilies. Jesus does not permit the sinless body of His Mother to decay in the grave.

(7) (Judith 18:18) ..."O daughter, you are blessed by the Most High God above all women on earth; and blessed be the Lord God, who created the heavens and the earth, who has guided you to strike the head of the leader of our enemies. 19 Your hope will never depart from the hearts of men, as they remember the power of God.

(8) (Proverbs 8:17) I love them that love me: and they that in the morning early watch for me, shall find me. 18 With me are riches and glory, glorious riches and justice. 19 For my fruit is better than gold and the precious stone, and my blossoms than choice silver.

(9) 20 I walk in the way of justice, in the midst of the paths of judgment, 21 That I may enrich them that love me, and may fill their treasures.22 The Lord possessed me in the beginning of his ways, before he made any thing from the beginning.23 I was set up from eternity, and of old before the earth was made.

(10) (Sirach 24:3) And in the midst of her own people she shall be exalted, and shall be admired in the holy assembly. 4 And in the multitude of the elect she shall have praise, and among the blessed she shall be blessed,saying: 5 I came out of the mouth of the Most High, the firstborn before all creatures:6 I made that in the heavens there should rise light that never faileth, and as a cloud I covered all the earth: 7 I dwelt in the highest places, and my throne is in a pillar of cloud.

The Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Grace of Final Perseverance)

(1) (1 Kings 2:19) Then Bethsabee came to king Solomon, to speak to him for Adonias: and the king arose to meet her, and bowed to her, and sat down upon his throne: and a throne was set for the king's mother, and she sat on his right hand.

(2) 20 And she said to him: I desire one small petition of thee, do not put me to confusion. And the king said to her: My mother, ask: for I must not turn away thy face.

(3) (Sirach 3:3) For God hath made the father honourable to the children: and seeking the judgment of the mothers, hath confirmed it upon the children. 4 He that loveth God, shall obtain pardon for his sins by prayer, and shall refrain himself from them, and shall be heard in the prayer of days. 5 And he that honoureth his mother is as one that layeth up a treasure.

(4) (Sirach 24:12) Then the creator of all things commanded, and said to me: ...13 Let thy dwelling be in Jacob, and thy inheritance in Israel, and take root in my elect.

(5) 14 From the beginning, and before the world, was I created, and unto the world to come I shall not cease to be, and in the holy dwelling place I have ministered before him. 15 And so was I established in Sion, and in the holy city likewise I rested, and my power was in Jerusalem.

(6) 16 And I took root in an honourable people, and in the portion of my God his inheritance, and my abode is in the full assembly of saints. ... 24 I am the mother of fair love, and of fear, and of knowledge, and of holy hope. ...25 In me is all grace of the way and of the truth, in me is all hope of life and of virtue.

(7) (Revelation 12:1) And a great sign appeared in heaven: A woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars: 2 And being with child, she cried travailing in birth, and was in pain to be delivered.

(8) 3 And there was seen another sign in heaven: and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads, and ten horns: and on his head seven diadems: 4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to be delivered; that, when she should be delivered, he might devour her son

(9) 5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with an iron rod: and her son was taken up to God, and to his throne. 6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she had a place prepared by God... 7 And there was a great battle in heaven, Michael and his angels fought with the dragon, and the dragon fought and his angels: 8 And they prevailed not, neither was their place found any more in heaven.

(10) 9 And that great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, who seduceth the whole world; and he was cast unto the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. ... 17 And the dragon was angry against the woman: and went to make war with the rest of her seed, who keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. 18 And he stood upon the sand of the sea.

THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

The Baptism of the Lord (Christ's Example)

(1) (Matt 3:1) And in those days cometh John the Baptist preaching in the desert of Judea. 2 And saying: "Do penance: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

(2) 3 For this is he that was spoken of by Isaias the prophet, saying: A voice of one crying in the desert, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

(3) 4 And the same John had his garment of camels' hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins: and his meat was locusts and wild honey. 5 Then went out to him Jerusalem and all Judea, and all the country about Jordan: And were baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins.

(4) 7 And seeing many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them: "Ye brood of vipers, who hath shewed you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Bring forth therefore fruit worthy of penance. 9 And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham for our father. For I tell you that God is able of these stones to raise up children to Abraham.

(5) 10 For now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that doth not yield good fruit, shall be cut down, and cast into the fire. 11 I indeed baptize you in the water unto penance, but he that shall come after me, is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear; he shall baptize you in the Holy Ghost and fire.

(6) 12 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly cleanse his floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire. "

(7) 13 Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to the Jordan, unto John, to be baptized by him. 14 But John stayed him, saying: I ought to be baptized by thee, and comest thou to me?"

(8) 15 And Jesus answering, said to him: **Suffer it to be so now. For so it becometh us to fulfill all justice.** Then he suffered him.

(9) 16 And Jesus being baptized, forthwith came out of the water: and lo, the heavens were opened to him: and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, and coming upon him;

(10) 17 And behold a voice from heaven, saying: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." (Matt 4: 1) Then Jesus was led by the spirit into the desert, to be tempted by the devil.

The Wedding at Cana (Fidelity)

(1) (John 2:1) And the third day there was a marriage at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there;

(2) 2 And Jesus also was invited, and his disciples, to the marriage.

(3) 3 And the wine failing, the mother of Jesus saith to him: "They have no wine."

(4) 4 And Jesus saith to her: "**Woman, what is that to me and to thee? My hour is not yet come.**"

(5) 5 His mother saith to the waiters: "Whatsoever he shall say to you, do ye."

(6) 6 Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three measures apiece.

(7) 7 Jesus saith to them: **Fill the waterpots with water.** And they filled them up to the brim. 8 And Jesus saith to them: "**Draw out now, and carry to the chief steward of the feast.**" And they carried it.

(8) 9 And when the chief steward had tasted the water made wine, and knew not whence it was, but the waiters knew who had drawn the water; the chief steward calleth the bridegroom

(9) 10 And saith to him: Every man at first setteth forth good wine, and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse. But thou hast kept the good wine until now.

(10) 11 This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee; and manifested his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

The Proclamation of the Kingdom (Desire for Holiness)

(1) (Matt 5:1) And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain, and when he was set down, his disciples came unto him. 2 And opening his mouth, he taught them, saying:

(2) 3 "**Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

(3) 4 "**Blessed are the meek: for they shall possess the land.**

(4) 5 "**Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.**

(5) 6 "**Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after justice: for they shall have their fill.**

(6) 7 "**Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.**

(7) 8 "Blessed are the clean of heart: for they shall see God.

(8) 9 "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called children of God.

(9) 10 "Blessed are they that suffer persecution for justice's sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

(10) 11 "Blessed are ye when they shall revile you, and persecute you, and speak all that is evil against you, untruly, for my sake: 12 Be glad and rejoice, for your reward is very great in heaven. For so they persecuted the prophets that were before you."

The Transfiguration (Spiritual Courage)

(1) (Matt 17:1) And after six days Jesus took unto him Peter and James, and John his brother, and brought them up into a high mountain apart:

(2) 2 And he was transfigured before them. And his face did shine as the sun: and his garments became white as snow. 3 And behold there appeared to them Moses and Elias talking with him.

(3) 4 And Peter answering, said to Jesus: "Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles, one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias."

(4) 5 And as he was yet speaking, behold a bright cloud overshadowed them. And lo, a voice out of the cloud, saying: This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased: hear ye him."

(5) 6 And the disciples hearing, fell upon their face, and were very much afraid.

(6) 7 And Jesus came and touched them: and said to them, **Arise, and fear not. 8 And they lifting up their eyes saw no one but only Jesus.**

(7) 9 And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying: "Tell the vision to no man, till the Son of man be risen from the dead.**"**

(8) 10 And his disciples asked him, saying: Why then do the scribes say that Elias must come first? 11 But he answering, said to them: **Elias indeed shall come, and restore all things.**

(9) 12 **But I say to you, that Elias is already come, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they had a mind. So also the Son of man shall suffer from them."**

(10) 13 Then the disciples understood, that he had spoken to them of John the Baptist.

The Institution of the Eucharist (Faith in the Real Presence)

(1) (1 Cor 10:16) The chalice of benediction, which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? And the bread, which we break, is it not the partaking of the body of the Lord?

(2) 17 For we, being many, are one bread, one body, all that partake of one bread.

(3) (1 Cor 11: 23) For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread. 24 And giving thanks, broke, and said: **Take ye, and eat: this is my body, which shall be delivered for you: this do for the commemoration of me.**"

(4) 25 In like manner also the chalice, after he had supped, saying: **This chalice is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as often as you shall drink, for the commemoration of me.**"

(5) 26 For as often as you shall eat this bread, and drink the chalice, you shall shew the death of the Lord, until he come. 27 Therefore whosoever shall eat this bread, or drink the chalice of the Lord unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and of the blood of the Lord.

(6) 28 But let a man prove himself: and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of the chalice. 29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh judgment to himself, not discerning the body of the Lord."

(7) (John 6:47) **Amen, amen I say unto you: He that believeth in me, hath everlasting life. 48 I am the bread of life. 49 Your fathers did eat manna in the desert, and are dead. 50 This is the bread which cometh down from heaven; that if any man eat of it, he may not die.**

(8) 51 **I am the living bread which came down from heaven. 52 If any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever; and the bread that I will give, is my flesh, for the life of the world."**

(9) 53 The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying: How can this man give us his flesh to eat? 54 Then Jesus said to them: **Amen, amen I say unto you: Except you eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, you shall not have life in you. 55 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath everlasting life: and I will raise him up in the last day.**

(10) 56 **For my flesh is meat indeed: and my blood is drink indeed. 57 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, abideth in me, and I in him. 58 As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father; so he that eateth me, the same also shall live by me."**

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