

## **Believe and Obey (Obedience Is Now)**

Lord's Flock General Assembly Topic

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As we celebrate the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, the message in the Gospel is Love for Christ. From the Annunciation to Jesus' Ascension, we will be in awe; Jesus is our savior, protector and redeemer. For Jesus, love and obedience go together, "If you love me, you will keep My commandments"(Jn. 14:15). Thus, the only sure foundation of life is to follow the commandments of God, as a way of reciprocating our love for Him.

### **A. Jesus came to give His love to all of us.**

1. During the last supper, the most beautiful love story of Jesus happened. The **GOSPEL** means: GOD so loved the world He sent His only SON, that we may not PERISH but have ETERNAL LIFE.
2. During the washing of the feet, before He was captured, Jesus told His disciples: "Love one another as I love you" (Jn. 14:12-14).
3. Each one of us has the ability to love. Parents love their children; they are happiest when their children obey because they want only what is best for them.

### **B. (Why did Jesus Christ have to suffer?) He became human and suffered because of His immense love for us.**

1. Everything we perceive was created by God. He entrusted everything to us because of His love for us. God even entrusted His only Son to mortals, Mary and Joseph.
2. Adam and Eve were given the freedom, but they disobeyed the will of God. They were expelled from the kingdom. Hence, Jesus Christ came so that the kingdom will be opened again for us.
3. The heart of a mother, Mary's "fiat" (let it be done), gave us salvation. Because of the courage of St. Joseph, the foster father, we have Jesus.

### **C. (How do we live our faith?) If we love God, and believe in Him, we will obey Him.**

1. It is easy to profess our faith. We follow Jesus; we obey our parents; and we go to mass every Sunday.
2. If we believe in Him, we will obey Him. Why will we have second thoughts at all? Let us trust in Him, and obey Him.
3. God gives us free will; and He is hurt when we disobey. The word obedience came from Latin "obedire" which means to listen with attentiveness, and thereby act upon the will of God. If we listen, we follow whoever is speaking.
4. When we know something is not right, yet we do it anyway, then this is disobedience and a sin. Let us not wait for a life and death situation to believe in Him.
5. Let us never belittle the power of our Lord. When we ask in prayer, let us not limit our prayer request. Nothing is impossible with our God. He will give everything. He will create ways. Hence, let us believe in the power of Jesus.
6. When we pray, we must pray not just with our tongue and our lips; we must pray with our heart and our mind. We must believe in the power of Jesus.

### **Conclusion:**

The goal of Jesus for each of us is our happiness and our salvation. If we believe in Him, let us not be afraid. Let us obey like Mama Mary. Let us give praise in the morning; then pray (report) to God in the evening. When we are close to mama Mary, we are also close to Jesus. Truly, He will never forsake us.

**Reflection:** Let us learn from St. Augustine who asked: "change me but *not now*."

1. If you want to change, why not now? Why wait until tomorrow?
2. Will you be ready if something happens unexpectedly? What (do you think) will happen to you?

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