



GOOD FRIDAY is a TYPE.

Good Friday is the day when Christ was crucified. And on Good Friday, everything that happened is read in Church from the three Gospels to remind us of everything that happened that day in great detail.

Let us go back to the Old Testament. Do we read a description of Good Friday in the Old Testament. Yes. In the prophecies of Isaias. We read in the Old Testament writings of the prophet what will happen to Christ in the New Testament.

This prophecy-history relationship enables us to check whether what is happening in history conforms to the prophecy given earlier. Is this Christ on Good Friday the same Christ as the Messiah of the Prophets? The answer is obviously 'Yes.'

The story does not end there. This prophecy in the Old Testament that was historically fulfilled on Good Friday in the New Testament, will again be fulfilled eschatologically in the future, like today, the year 2000.

God gives us a knowledge of the past, of history and of eschatology to equip us with the necessary knowledge we need to receive a favorable judgment from God when HE suddenly comes to demand an accounting from us.

THE PARABLES ON THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

The kingdom of God as described in the parables at the end of the Liturgical calendar, describes the Catholic Church. Holy Mother the Church, precisely gave us many lessons about the Catholic Church so that we will not commit any mistake on which is the true Church of Christ.

Almost all the members of Protestant sects were former Catholics. Why would Catholics become Protestants. Because they do not know the difference between the two. But the difference between the two is very great. Well, most Catholics do not know the difference.

And sadly, even priests and bishops do not show the difference between the two in their homilies. Because they do not know the difference.

Even recently, the foremost theologian of Pope Francis, stated that there is no difference between Catholics and Protestants. This is the Pope's personal theologian. If theologians do not know the difference, how can laymen know the difference. But there are very great differences. And the post-Easter and Pentecost Liturgy tells us the whole difference.

THE PARABLE OF THE VINEYARD.

Christ described the Kingdom of God as a vineyard. The Catholic Church is the vineyard of the Lord. Christ used a parable so it will be easy for most listeners to understand His teachings.

Christ said that the Catholic Church is like a vineyard. A vineyard has a fence to prevent animals from entering and eating up the grapes. St. Thomas Aquinas wrote that the fence is the commands of Christ in the New Testament as interpreted by the Fathers of the Church. That is the fence that puts souls inside the Church and keeps others outside. Those inside live by the Gospels and the teachings of the Fathers. Those outside do not live by the Gospel and the Fathers; or maybe they practice a few of their teachings but not completely.

So it is very easy to know which is the true Church of Christ. His Church has a fence; the very words of Christ in the New Testament and the correct interpretation of the Words of Christ as given to us by the Fathers of the Church.

St. Thomas Aquinas would be a great help because he does two things; he writes down every word of Christ in the New Testament and then gives its interpretation as written down by different Fathers of the Church.

So just by using the "Catena Aurea" of St. Thomas Aquinas you can build the fence of the Catholic Church and enter into the Church. You can, also, use his teachings to detect whether your family, your parish and your diocese are Catholic. You can even see if the Church in the Vatican is Catholic.

Prayer reveals to souls the vanity of earthly goods and pleasures. It fills them with light, strength and consolation, and gives them a foretaste of the calm bliss of our heavenly home.

St. Rose of Viterbo



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