

“Mary... looking for the son who was lost”

Mary spent three days and three nights looking for the son who was lost. May you and I also be able to say that our willingness to find Jesus knows no rest. (Furrow, 794)

10 May

How his Mother and St Joseph must have suffered when, on their way back from Jerusalem, they could not find him among their relatives and

friends. And then what joy when they recognize him from afar, as he instructs the teachers of Israel. But notice the words that issue from his lips. Don't they seem hard? The Son says in reply to his Mother, 'How is it that you sought me?' Surely they were right to have looked for him? Souls who know what it is to lose Jesus Christ and to find him again, are able to understand this... 'How is it that you sought me? Didn't you know that I must be about my Father's business?' Didn't you know that I must devote my time entirely to my heavenly Father?

The fruit of our prayer today should be the conviction that our journey on earth, at all times and whatever the circumstances, is for God; that it is a treasure of glory, a foretaste of heaven, something marvelous, which has been entrusted to us to administer, with a sense of responsibility, being answerable both

to men and to God. But it is not necessary for us to change our situation in life. Right in the middle of the world we can sanctify our profession or job, our home life, and social relations — in fact all those things that seem to have only a worldly significance. (Friends of God, 53-54)

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