

Jesus Christ is called our Lord to remind us that He has conferred on us the greatest blessings, and that we owe Him supreme homage. What are these blessings? What has He done for us, and what more is He to do for us in the future?

1. Hear what He has done for us.

(1) In the first place. He came to instruct us. The ancient world, buried in the ignorance and errors of paganism, ever sought in vain true happiness, not knowing where to find it. The eternal Wisdom, personally descending on the earth, seated Himself on the mountain as on a chair of truth, whence He preached to all men for their instruction, and solved the problem of true happiness.

(2) He suffered death for us, for each of us, and by His death delivered us from the slavery of the demon; that is to say, from sin and the eternal punishment due to sin. For, let us ever remember, without Him, without the death of the divine Redeemer, we were all lost.

(3) He established the Church, where we find all the means of salvation, and instituted the Sacraments, those perennial fountains of grace. Of these Sacraments, there is one which includes all the wealth of His love and His blessings; namely the adorable Eucharist.

(4) Is it not to Him that we owe all that is good and enjoyable in modern society? Without Christian civilization would we not again lapse into the despotism and slavery of paganism?

2. Behold then what Jesus Christ has done for us! And what more is He to do for us? What are His promises?

(1) He will give us a second life, a life of untold happiness after death.

(2) He promises us the glorious resurrection of our bodies at the last day.

How shall we pay Him the homage which is His due?

1. We must adore Him, since He is our God.

2. We must honour in a special manner His five wounds, as also His sacred Heart, thus manifesting our gratitude for the blessings of which these divine objects are memorials. Let us then adore, my brethren, let us lovingly adore, our Lord Jesus Christ; let us devoutly honour His five wounds, His adorable Heart.