## The 24 Hours of the Passion of our Lord Jesus-Christ

Hour 10 - From 2 to 3 AM - Jesus is presented to Annas

...You are now at the moment in which Annas questions You -about your doctrine and your disciples. And You, O Jesus, *in order to defend the glory of the Father*, open your most sacred mouth, and with sonorous and dignified voice, answer: *"I have spoken in public, and all those here present have heard Me."* 

At your dignified accents, all feel trembling

But their perfidy is such that a servant, wanting to honor Annas, comes close to You. And with a fierce hand gives You a slap, but so violent as to make You stagger, and to bruise your most holy Face.

Your enemies burst into satanic laughter, whistling and clapping, applauding an act so unjust. And You, staggering, have no one to lean on. ...

But, my afflicted Jesus, I see that Annas sends You to Caiphas.

Your enemies hurl You down the stairs.

And <u>You</u>, my Love, <u>in this painful fall</u>

- repair for those who at nighttime fall into sin under the favor of darkness, and
- You call the heretics and the unbelievers to the light of Faith...

## Oppositions serve so that the truth may shine more in its own time. May 31, 1899 - BOH- Volume 2

This morning, as I was in my usual state, my adorable Jesus came, and at that very moment I saw the confessor. Jesus appeared a little disappointed with him, because it seemed that the confessor wanted everyone to approve that my situation was a work from God, and almost wanted to convince other priests by showing them something of my interior.

## Jesus turned to the confessor and said to him:

"This is impossible. Even I received oppositions, and from people among the most distinguished, and also from priests and other authorities.

They found fault with my holy works, to the point of saying that I was possessed by the devil.

But I allow these oppositions, even from religious people, so that the truth may shine more in its own time. If you want to consult with two or three priests among the most good and holy, and also learned, in order to receive enlightenment and also to do what I want in the things to be done, which <u>is advice from the good and prayer</u> - this, I allow.

But the rest - no, no. It would be as though wanting to waste my works, making fun of them - which displeases Me very much."

Then *He said to me:* "All I want from you is *an upright and simple operating*.

Do not bother about the pros and the cons of creatures

Let them think what they want, without being the least troubled.

Since wanting that all be favorable is wanting to deviate from the imitation of my own Life."