

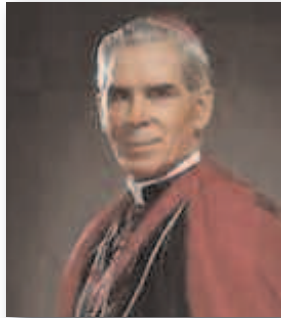
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Monday September 14 at 7 pm

Rosary, 7:40 Holy Mass, "Past Testimonies of OMQoP Miracles"

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Bishop Sheen's Holy Hour ~ *Why?*



A few weeks ago one of our staff called a Catholic church here on Long Island and asked the secretary; "What time do you have Eucharistic Adoration"? The secretary answered, "What is that!" She had no idea what it was.

Bishop Sheen said the secret of his great success in touching hearts and winning souls for Christ was that every day of his life he would set aside an hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. This is known as a holy hour because it is spent in the Presence of Jesus, truly Present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Bishop Sheen called this his hour of power, and the purpose of every talk he ever gave was to inspire everyone, priest and laity, to make a daily holy hour. He would quote Jesus in saying that, whoever would remain in union with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament for an hour of prayer would bear much fruit. When Bishop Sheen spoke, everyone listened, even those who were not of the Catholic faith. His message was both compelling and transcending.

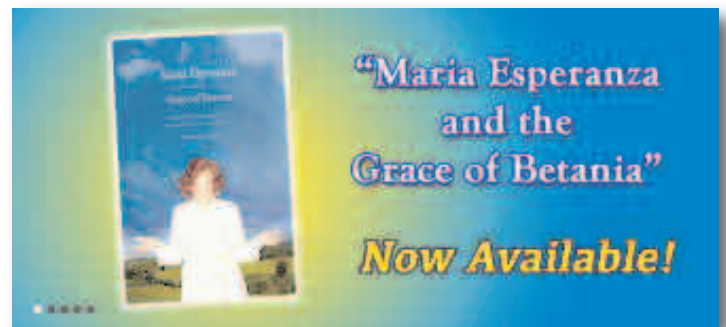
A couple of months before his death, he was interviewed on national television. One question was this: "Bishop Sheen, you have inspired millions of people all over the world. Who inspired you.... a pope, a cardinal, another bishop, priest or nun?"

Bishop Sheen answered it was none of these. "It was a little Chinese girl, 11 years of age". He explained that when the communists took over China, they imprisoned a priest in his own rectory near the church.

After they locked him up, the priest was horrified to look out

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Betania *A Refuge of Peace & Love*



Between the years 1938 and 1974 Maria received recurrent revelations indicating that she would someday find a piece of land that would be a blessing for Venezuela and the world. It would be a great center of spiritual renewal and healing directed by Our Lady. This revelation foretold a great commission for the Servant of God in the future. She said of this prediction regarding Betania;

... The Blessed Mother told me, "There will be a place that you will find with the passing of the years, ... a holy land where all my children will go to meet my maternal Heart. And there you will live protected beneath the graces of the Holy Spirit because everyone will be filled with His love, with His rays, thus bringing about an interior life full of peace, of harmony, of balance, in order to be able to really prepare themselves and to carry my message into the new world"

... The Lord talked to me and he told me, "You were born in the world, and it is in this world in which you will live, my little daughter, combating problems in order to win souls to my service. because the world as it exists cannot continue much more. Man employs his evil and his cunning and makes his spirit poorer, and I cannot accept that, since my Heart was given and continues to be given so that everyone will be saved. And that land, (Betanias), will be a sign, a point of unity for humanity, a point of reconciliation and peace with much love – the great truth

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his window and see that the communists had proceeded into the sanctuary and broke into the tabernacle. In an act of hateful desecration, they took the ciborium and threw it on the floor with all the Sacred Hosts spilling out. The priest knew exactly how many Consecrated Hosts were in the ciborium – 32.

When the communists left, they either did not notice, or did not pay any attention to a small girl praying in the back of the church who saw everything that happened.

That night the little girl came back. Slipping past the guard at the priest's house, she went inside the church. There she made a holy hour of prayer, an act of love to make up for the act of hatred. After her holy hour she went into the sanctuary, knelt down, bent over and with her tongue picked up and received Jesus in Holy Communion, since it was not permissible at that time for laypeople to touch the Sacred Host with their hands.

The little girl continued to come back each night to make her

holy hour and receive Jesus in Holy Communion on her tongue. On the thirty second night, after she had consumed the last host, she accidentally made a noise and woke up the guard. He ran after her and beat her to death with the butt of his rifle. This act of heroic martyrdom was witnessed by the priest as he watched, grief-stricken, from his bedroom window.

When I heard the story I was so inspired that; *"I promised God I would make a holy hour of prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament every day of my life."* If this little Chinese girl could risk her life every day to express her risk for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament with a holy hour and Holy Communion, then at least I should do the same.

THE VALUE OF A HOLY HOUR

Everywhere he went, Bishop Sheen preached on the values and benefits of the Holy Hour of Prayer. He was invited all over the world by bishops to give retreats and his main theme was a Holy Hour of Prayer during Eucharist Adoration. *Mary's Newsroom, Vol.8 #3, '96*

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and awaited by all generations." Pgs. 59-60 Maria Espernaza Grace of Betania, Beyerly

In 1990 Maria Esperanza revealed that, *"... the Betania prayer groups would develop throughout the world bringing the messages of Betania"*. Maria called these groups "columns of light" that would implant the spirit of Betania in other countries. Maria Esperanza, prophesied, *"The Holy Spirit will work in such a way that all of us will be converted into fire, into living flame, so as this world grows, hearts will continue to be purified, and that solidarity among men occurs so that all of us can really live as the Lord asks us."*

Maria Esperanza, always projected a spirit of joy no matter the circumstances. Maria's constant exhortation was, "Always Be Joyful," which is the hallmark of the spirituality of

Betania. Maria would remind her followers, *"... Remember to feel lifted, joyful, and happy, even if in these days the enemy comes to trouble you, do not accept him by your side. ... He wants to bother us so we may lose faith and trust, so we do not reach the goal God is asking of us."*

There are now 18 Betanias around the world and growing. Maria foretold the existence of these Sanctuaries in 1991. These communities will serve as a refuge in places where secularism, hedonism, anti-Catholicism, or the curtailment of religious freedoms oppress the faithful. The Betania Community can provide solidarity and support for believers, enabling them to breathe the fresh air of divine truth and love in a safe haven.

Pgs. 172-173 Maria Espernaza Grace of Betania, Fr. Tim Byerley



Fatima Prophecy: Satan to Destroy Sanctity of Marriage

On February 16, 2008, Cardinal Carlo Caffarra, (Archbishop of Bologna), and head of the Pontifical Institute for the Studies on Marriage and Family, was interviewed by Tele Radio Padre Pio. He revealed a letter from the Fatima seer, Sister Lucia dos Santos, in which she defines what Our Holy Mother said; *"The battlefield between the Lord and the reign of Satan will be about marriage and the family. Don't be afraid, because anyone who operates for the sanctity of marriage and the*

family will always be contended, and opposed in every way, because this is the decisive issue. However, I have already crushed his head".

Cardinal Caffarra reported this to John Paul II and they agreed **that** to destroy the family - **which is** the very pillar of creation, **or to destroy** the truth of the relationship between man and woman - **which is** the pillar of all generations, would collapse the building of society.

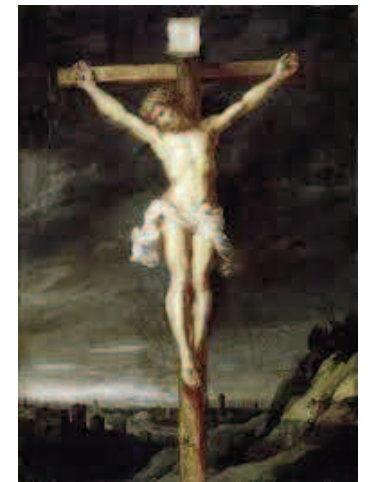
Commentary: Are we now seeing this happen in America and all around the world? We have to make sure in the next election we vote God's Will, if we wish to see the head of Satan crushed.



His Birth



His Passion



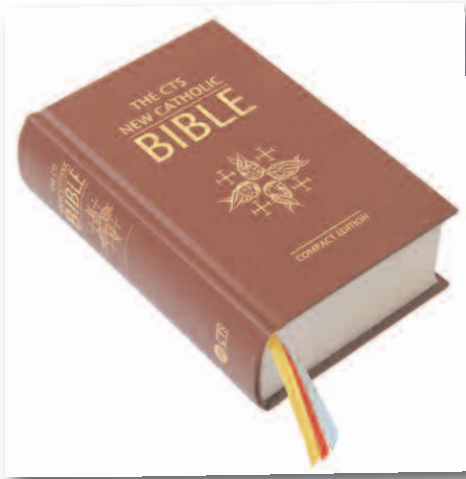
His Death



His Resurrection

SUBJECT	OT Prophecy	NT Fulfillment
As the Son of God	Ps 2:7	Lu 1:32,35
As the seed of the woman	Ge 3:15	Ga 4:4
As the seed of Abraham	Ge 17:7 22:18	Ga 3:16
As the seed of Isaac	Ge 21:12	Heb 11:17-19
As the seed of David	Ps 132:11 Jer 23:5	Ac 13:23 Ro 1:3
His coming at a set time	Ge 49:10 Da 9:24,25	Lu 2:1
His being born of a virgin	Isa 7:14	Mt 1:22,23 Lu 2:7
His being called Immanuel	Isa 7:14	Mt 1:22,23
His being born in Bethlehem of Judea	Mic 5:2	Mt 2:1 Lu 2:4-6
Great persons coming to adore him	Ps 72:10	Mt 2:1-11
The slaying of the children of Bethlehem	Jer 31:15	Mt 2:16-18
His being called out of Egypt	Ho 11:1	Mt 2:15
His being preceded by John the Baptist	Isa 40:3 Mal 3:1	Mt 3:1,3 Lu 1:17
His being anointed with the Spirit	Ps 45:7 Isa 11:2 61:1	Mt 3:16 Joh 3:34 Ac 10:38
His being a Prophet like to Moses	De 18:15-18	Ac 3:20-22
His being a Priest after the order of Melchizedek	Ps 110:4	Heb 5:5,6
His entering on his public ministry	Isa 61:1,2	Lu 4:16-21,43
His ministry commencing in Galilee	Isa 9:1,2	Mt 4:12-16,23
His entering publicly into Jerusalem	Zec 9:9	Mt 21:1-5
His coming into the temple	Hag 2:7,9 Mal 3:1	Mt 21:12 Lu 2:27-32 Joh 2:13-16
His poverty	Isa 53:2	Mr 6:3 Lu 9:58
His meekness and want of ostentatious	Isa 42:2	Mt 12:15,16,19
His tenderness and compassion	Isa 40:11 42:3	Mt 12:15,20 Heb 4:15
His being without guile	Isa 53:9	1Pe 2:22
His zeal	Ps 69:9	Joh 2:17
His preaching by parables	Ps 78:2	Mt 13:34,35
His working miracles	Isa 35:5,6	Mt 11:4-6 Joh 11:47
His bearing reproach	Ps 22:6 69:7,9,20	Ro 15:3
His being rejected by his brethren	Ps 69:8 Isa 63:3	Joh 1:11 7:3
His being a stone of stumbling to the Jews	Isa 8:14	Ro 9:32 1Pe 2:8
His being hated by the Jews	Ps 69:4 Isa 49:7	Joh 15:24,25
His being rejected by the Jewish rulers	Ps 118:22	Mt 21:42 Joh 7:48
That the Jews and Gentiles should combine against Him	Ps 2:1,2	Lu 23:12 Ac 4:27
His being betrayed by a friend	Ps 41:9 55:12-14	Joh 13:18,21
His disciples forsaking him	Zec 13:7	Mt 26:31,56
His being sold for thirty pieces silver	Zec 11:12	Mt 26:15
His price being given for the potter's field	Zec 11:13	Mt 27:7
The intensity of his sufferings	Ps 22:14,15	Lu 22:42,44
His sufferings being for others	Isa 53:4-6,12 Da 9:26	Mt 20:28
His patience and silence under suffering	Isa 53:7	Mt 26:63 27:12-14
His being smitten on the cheek	Mic 5:1	Mt 27:30
His visage being marred	Isa 52:14 53:3	Joh 19:5
His being spit on and scourged	Isa 50:6	Mr 14:65 Joh 19:1
His hands and feet being nailed to the cross	Ps 22:16	Joh 19:18 20:25
His being forsaken by God	Ps 22:1	Mt 27:46
His being mocked	Ps 22:7,8	Mt 27:39-44
Gall and vinegar being given him to drink	Ps 69:21	Mt 27:34
His garments being parted, and lots cast for his vesture	Ps 22:18	Mt 27:35
His being numbered with the transgressors	Isa 53:12	Mr 15:28
His intercession for His murderers	Isa 53:12	Lu 23:34
His Death	Isa 53:12	Mt 27:50
That a bone of him should not be broken	Ex 12:46 Ps 34:20	Joh 19:33,36
His being pierced	Zec 12:10	Joh 19:34,37
His being buried with the rich	Isa 53:9	Mt 27:57-60
His flesh not seeing corruption	Ps 16:10	Ac 2:31
His resurrection	Ps 16:10 Isa 26:19	Lu 24:6,31,34
His ascension	Ps 68:18	Lu 24:51 Ac 1:9
His sitting on the right hand of God	Ps 110:1	Heb 1:3
His exercising the priestly office in heaven	Zec 6:13	Ro 8:34
His being the chief corner-stone of the Church	Isa 28:16	1Pe 2:6,7
His being King in Zion	Ps 2:6	Lu 1:32 Joh 18:33-37
The conversion of the Gentiles to him	Isa 11:10 42:1	Mt 1:17,21 Joh 10:16 Ac 10:45,47
His righteous government	Ps 45:6,7	Joh 5:30 Re 19:11
His universal dominion	Ps 72:8 Da 7:14	Php 2:9,11
The perpetuity of his kingdom		

IS THE BIBLE DIVINE REVELATION?

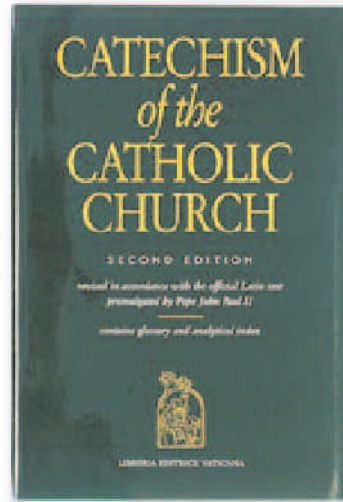


Over my past 32 years working with Catholic Laity, I heard often, "...*the Bible was written by man and it has changed over the centuries and it has to change now in our modern cultures.*" I am confident the 10

Commandments will never be changed, even by our present Supreme Court, *as* some of our very popular politicians suggest.

Those that use the "Change Argument" do so to fit their moral, ethical, or political agenda. Fortunately, we Catholics have the pope, the magisterium, 2000 years of experience, and credentials to define and interpret *sacred* scriptures for us. (*The church's credentials argument is a discussion for a future newsletter.*)

What I wish to do here is define why I concluded that the Bible must be Divine Revelation. I am sure it has been done by thousands of brilliant souls before me. The difference for me is that I am not an intellectual,



theologian, religious, *but* just a very simple Christian sinner looking for the existence of a supreme authority.

I started reading the Catholic Bible carefully, (*The Protestant Bible eliminated 7 books one book, Maccabees which related to purgatory.*) I discovered that no other religion had a founder that predicted his coming thousands of

years before he came, the circumstances of his birth, his earthly life, persecution, horrible death, and his resurrection from the dead. If I had a question I went to the other book we must all have in the homes is the, Catechism of the Catholic Church, *Libera Editrice Vaticana*.

I came up with these lists of evidence and they are only partial lists. It was pretty hard for me not to consider that this fellow, Jesus Christ, has all the credentials of being Divine. You have to make your own conclusions. How do you think a jury would judge all this evidence?

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