

# FIVE MINUTE SERMON

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## THE FICKLENESS OF HUMANITY

"And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way: and others ent down boughs from the trees and strewed them in the way; and the multitudes that went before and that followed cried, saying : Hosanna to the Son of David : Bless d is He that commth in the name of the Lord." (Matt. xxl. 8-9.)

How wavering are the opinions of men! Today they will be ready to give their lives for a certain cause, tomorrow they will be ready to give their lives to destroy the same course. These chapters are justifia. Whoever fails in this has not his faith at heart as his most precious possession! And if not, what may he expect after death? Certainly cause. These changes are justifiable in some instances, but certainly not justifiable in many others. When some attitude of mind exists not a very great reward. among men, because of certain pre vailing conditions, this should last only as long as the conditions that cause it remain the same ; but when these conditions are changed, the attitude also should be changed. Men, however, always are not guided thus in their convictions and opinions. Reasons more subthat all other considerations, not excluding moral and religious ones, pale into utter insignificance. The thought of profit closes up every other outlook upon life and obstructs every other view. Many jective than objective cause them to change their minds on many sub-jects. Very often when there are objective reasons influencing them, that have for a time been engaged in business become color blind, so these reasons are not solid ones, nor

are they always just. This fact is true of men regardthat they know only one color, that of gold. The universe holds no are they always jue of men regard-ing their political, social, and relig-ious lives. Few people really stop to think. The majority blindly are led on by their so-called leaders. These latter are active and ener-the golden sunshine into cold and all their followers fully conform to their teachings. How often it happens that the followers under-stand but little of the cause for which they are fighting! Many and convert God's handiwork into a stand but little of the cause for which they are fighting! Many examples of this truth are evident today. Socialism affords us an instance. In this country thou-unds of foreigners, and also many cans, are borne toward socialism, The desire for profit has notoriously blocked many a scheme of betterment and obstructed many a movement for the improvement of public morality. We only recently referred to the violent opposition of the photoelay industry to a even though they comprehend but little of its meaning. They will listen to speeches extolling its merits, hear some of the beautiful impracticable theories it incur-cates, and this will suffice to win their aid in its diffusion and propa-gation. They never heed the nega-ive side, even for an instant. impracticable theories it incul-There are no demerits attached to it. The words of their leader or of tho other places of commerspokesman, in their eyes, are as infallible as if spoken by the great Lord of the universe Himself. If infallible as if spoken by the great Lord of the universe Himself. If Lord of the universe Himself. If these people would consider the might be diminished. The history gogues from the viewpoints of right and wrong, of practicability and impracticability, and thus they quickly would see how fool-ishly they give their assent and endeavoring to solve. But us to has been in days gone by, so it will be in the future; the system will its day and then decay. With its day and then decay. With live its day, and then decay. With the passing of socialism, however, men will be as ready to adhere riage laws of Maryland because this quite as blindly to whatever is sub-amendment would deprive them of stituted for it as they did to itself. profitable trade. These drivers If the duty of instructing the young had always been properly performed, we would not have so many dissenting sects in religion today. The Catholic faith would remain the one true faith for all. The world never would have wit-nessed the so-called Reformation. There was a field prepared for a Luther, a Calvin, and a Knox. The There was a field prepared for a Luther, a Calvin, and a Knox. The ancestors of those who fell away had possessed the truth and had known it clearly, but a gradual neglect had crept over them, parneglect had crept over them, par-ticularly as regards the instruction of their children. As a conse-quence, that generation and those following it were not taught the following it were not taught the truth as clearly, and were not con vinced of it as strongly as were their sires. When put to the test, many were deceived and fell intc error. Their children imbibed it deeper than they themselves, and their posterity still deeper. The fruits are witnessed today, in the thousands of men-made religions existing throughout the world. And will they ever end! It seems not. New ones are springing up not. New ones are springing up every day. It is true that some individuals are returning, but they do not come back as easily as their forefathers fell away. How true progress in the spread of the Gospel has also been retarded! We are practically forced to spend most of our time in recalling, if possible, the lost sheep. How many who have not yet heard the Gospel, long ago would have been given the opportunity of listening to and accepting its pure and elevating doctrine, had we been able to give all our time, outside of caring for our own, to those who were never of the true fold. The narrative of today's Gospel

such a change of opinion regarding makes them insensible and callous to the woes and afflictions of their Jesus? No true objective reason ean be found. The people wildly were led on to it. We must all take heed lest we

UNDER THE LAW OF

PROFIT

Our social life is dominated by the idea of profit to such an extent

fellow-men. There remains only this way out that the machinery of inspection which we have be set in motion and that the constituted under certain pressure, deny the Faith or even doubt its doctrines. authorities insist on safety regard-less of the loss of profit that may Why should not all Catholics be proud of their glorious inheritance, result. For human life is more precious and more valuable than proud of their giorious inheritance, learn its teachings and its maxims as perfectly as possible, see the truth clearly and, as a necessary consequence, be unalterably con-vinced of it, and be able to teach their children in the same way? profit and should be placed above every economic consideration. — Catholic Standard and Times.

## HOLY WEEK

Nearly two thousand years ago in the springtime of the year events transpired in one week in the little city of Jerusalem that have made this week forever Holy Week. It was ushered in with a procession; it ended with a procession. In both the Son of God was the central figure. On Palm Sunday He entered the Holy City in triumph, surrounded by His faithful fol-lowers, acclaimed by the glad Hoseness of admiring multitudes.

Hosannas of admiring multitudes. On Good Friday he left the city in On Good Friday he left the city in apparent failure, abandoned by His friends, jeered by the mob, carry-ing His own cross to Calvary. After the transient glory of Palm Sunday, Jesus spent Monday, Tues-day and Wednesday teaching in the Temple, healing the sick, and cast-ing out devils. The nights He spent alone in prayer. Thursday He gathered His faithful apostles around Him. prepared a supper. around Him, prepared a supper, and then gave them as a memorial His greatest gift, the power to con-secrate bread and wine into His body and blood and to transmit this power to their successors. On Friday He trod the wine-press

of sorrow, and offered Himself to His Heavenly Father as a victim for the sins of men. All was consummated, sin conquered, grace merited, and man's redemption accomplished. After three days in the tomb He rose again glorious and triumphant on Easter Sunday. Now in the year 1922, in the same springtime of the year, the same sacred mysteries are commemorated during this week in every Catholic Church throughout the world. Or Palm Sunday the sound of glad Hosannas fill the Churches, and their aisles are filled with multitudes bearing palm branches in

is mourned as an only son. On the sad lonely evenings of Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, the Psalms are recited and the Lamentations

sung in the mournful office of the Tenebrae. On Thursday for a moral considerations with big busi-ness and industrial enterprise on a large scale; but the small business man can be as unscrupulous as the joyous ringing of bells proclaims the gratitude of the people for the last good gift received from our Lord. Then the Altar is stripped, Lord. the Church is made desolate, the sanctuary lamp is extinguished and the Crucifix takes the place of the Blessed Sacrament.

Good Friday dawns and with the It is easy enough to change men's derive their chief income from the shadow of the cross upon them the minds, but very often the reason couples who come to the place faithful with hushed voices and truth never can let it go-provided, of course, that he understands it. Sometimes the truth men possess is not sufficiently inculcated in the hearts of the younger generation. When this is the case, it is due to negligence on the parts of parents. If the duty of instructing the they commemorate Our Lord's expiring cry, "Father into Thy hands I commend My spirit." There are two ways of spending Holy Week. We can imitate the world, and go and play in the mar-ket-place whilst our Prince suffers in our stead, or we can imitate Our Placed Methor, the faithful space Blessed Mother, the faithful apos-tles and the holy women, and fol-low Our Lord on the road to Cal-vary to stand beneath His Cross. time to time and the holocaust of human life they involve. The buildhuman life they involve. The build-ing contractor erects buildings primarily not with a view toward safety, but with a thought of the possible profits that may be ex-tracted from the undertaking. Of course, there are in human life accidents that cannot be prevented in spite of care and caution; withal those calamities that may be traced But only by passing over the dolor-ous way with our Divine Lord can we hope to enjoy the fruits of His glorious Resurrection .- The Pilot.

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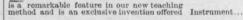
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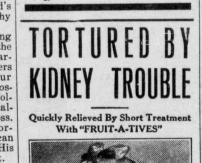
BISHOP HUNTING SEEKS CHANGE IN DIVORCE LAWS

### STATISTICS A NIGHTMARE

Through the Reno Gazette, which will be conceded to be authority on the question in hand, since through its news columns even actions speak louder than words, we learn that Bishop George C. Hunting of the Episcopal Church is making a sustained effort to have making a sustained effort to have the Nevada divorce law amended, so that at least, one year in resi-dence shall berequired for a decree. After discussing the question at length before his annual convention, the Bishop added these startling

figures. "One hears many expressions not infrequently subterfuges of every kind are resorted to in order to delay the work needed to render in various publications one the edifice secure. Thus profit toys and trifles with human life. When some startling catastrophe occurs that snuffs out precious human lives there is a flutter of public opinion and investigations are set or foot the final outcome however reads that there is one divorce in

of the true fold. The narrative of today's Gospel is a clear illustration of the waver-ing opinion of man. Christ on this day was honored as much as the people could honor Him, in accord-ance with the occasion. It was not long afterward that the people of the same locality turned completely against Him. Today it is "Hosanna to the Son of David:" tomorrow it will be "Crucify Him!" Yet, why





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