



HOUR OF ADORATION

Jesus Before Herod.

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Pilate autem audiens Galileam, interrogavit si homo Galileus esset. Et ut cognovit quod de Herodis potestate esset, remisit eum ad Herodem, qui et ipse Ierosolymis erat illis diebus.

"But Pilate hearing Galilee, asked if the man were of Galilee. And when he understood that He was of Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Him away to Herod, who was also himself at Jerusalem in those days."

(Luke XXIII, 6, 7.)

I. — Adoration.

Pilate sent his Prisoner to Herod, who was informed of the arrival of the Thaumaturgus. Seating himself on his throne, he received Him with transports of joy, for he had long desired to behold this very extraordinary man. At last, he is going to see for himself the truth of those miraculous facts attributed to Him in such numbers!

Herod questions. He torments Him with all sorts of questions, which, however, the Gospel passes over in silence. But the Blessed Virgin mentions some of them to Saint Anselm, her devoted servant. "He asked Him," she said, "whether He was that Child whom Herod, his father, had wanted to put to death, and who had caused the massacre of so many babes. . . . Was it, indeed, He who had restored sight to the blind, raised Lazarus from the tomb, also the young son of the widow of Naim, and who had performed all those wonders told of Him? Then he asked Him to work some prodigy before his eyes, promising in return to deliver Him from the hands of the Jews."