

"After the Wise Men were departed, behold an Angel of the Lord appeared in sleep to Joseph, saying : Arise and take the Child and His Mother and fly into Egypt : and be there until I shall tell thee. For it will come to pass that Herod will seek the Child to destroy Him. Who rose and took the Child and His Mother by night and retired into Egypt : and he was there until the death of Herod ; that it might be fulfilled which the Lord spoke by the prophet (Osee) saying : Out of Egypt have I called My Son.

"But when Herod was dead, behold an Angel of the Lord appeared in sleep to Joseph in Egypt, saying : Arise, and take the Child and His Mother, and go into the land of Israel ; for they are dead that sought the life of the Child. Who arose, and took the Child and His Mother and came into the land of Israel. But hearing that Archelaus reigned in Juda in the room of Herod his father, he was afraid to go thither ; and being warned in sleep retired into the quarters of Galilee. And coming he dwelt in a city called Nazareth."—St. Matt. ii, 13-23.

The position of Mary is again set forth in the scripture narrative of the finding of Jesus in the Temple.

"And it came to pass that after three days they found Him in the temple. And His Mother said to Him : Son, why hast thou done so to us ? Behold thy father and I have sought Thee sorrowing. And He said to them : How is it that you sought Me ? Did you not know that I must be about my father's business ? And they understood not the word that He spoke unto them. And He went down with them, and came to Nazareth ; and was subject to them. And his Mother kept all these words in her heart."—St. Luke, ii, 46-51.

There are those who, in their intense desire to disparage Mary, read into the words "Did you not know that I must be about my father's business?" a meaning that is more dishonoring to Our Lord than to His Blessed Mother. They would have us believe that Jesus was rude and impertinent to His Mother ; they make no allowance for the infinite Mystery of His divine mission ; they pass over the expression "And they understood not the word that He spoke to them : " they utterly fail to emphasize that He "was subject to them." They seem to insinuate that men may walk more readily into the presence of the Son if they can present a certificate of having dishonored the Mother ; that they may be assured