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YEAR B - TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

O God, make speed to save me. O Lord, make haste to help me. "Awake & rise from your sleep & hear the words of our letter! Remember that you are a son of kings & see the slavery of your life...Remember your robe of glory & your splendid mantle, which you may wear when your name is called in the book of life...when you & your brother inherit our Kingdom." These words need not have been delivered through a parable, but could have been spoken directly to us through Christ or his Apostles, so reminiscent are they of our New Testament Scriptures.

Today's readings recall us to our divine nature. They are a reminder that we are not originally of this world: "Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Did God not make foolish the wisdom of the cosmos?" There are two words here we want to focus on: age & cosmos.

Age, in its most simple definition can be interpreted as a period of time. Cosmos, we could interpret as meaning the universe, or this world. Our physical bodies, the world, & the universe are all temporal, subject to the rules of time, which final result is decay. Only the Spirit is incorruptible, perfect, & outside time, outside of this world, of this age, not being of it. Being outside of time, outside of this world, means that the Divine Spirit is not subject to the rulers here. It is above the cosmos & therefore of a higher authority. In our Gospel we are told that Christ will draw us to himself as is lifted up from the earth, at the same time, as a higher authority, he will sit in judgment of this world & its Archontic rulers: the Demiurge - Satan, & all of his minions. Those whom he will draw to himself he urges to "Believe in the Light...that you may become Children of the Light.' We may become Children of the Light only by being Christ-like, by revelation of that Indwelling Spirit granted to us from God. Christ is the Son of God, He is of God, of pure Spirit. In our second reading it tells us that we have our being in Christ Jesus. We are more than a reflection of Christ, we are a part of Him & He a part of us, for we all are imbued with the Spirit of God. This is why Christ brought us wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, & redemption from God; all so that we may boast in the Lord, our Father.

So how did Christ bring us this wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, & redemption? He did it by providing us with an example of how to walk this world, & by sacrificing his physical self to reveal the Divine Spirit dwelling within man. All of this he did selflessly out of the love He & the Father held for us. For Christ the Cross was truly senseless, just a necessary sacrifice to appease the rulers of this world, tricking the Demiurge & his Archons into believing that Death could triumph over Life. What Christ knew, that the Archons did not, was that this proved the power of God to us who were being saved. We woke from our sleep & heard the words of the Logos. We witnessed how Christ walked this world as he prepared us to die to it. Through His wisdom & righteousness he revealed true sanctification as he prepared us for redemption.