INDIFFERENT ONLOOKERS AT THE CROSS

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Dear faithful, on Good Friday very different people stood beneath the cross of Our Lord Jesus. The Jewish Pharisees were there, those who hated Him sincerely, who plotted conspiracies, who waited for the day on which He would fall victim to their lies, when they would succeed in doing away with Jesus of Nazareth. Beside the cross there also stood a tiny group of those who looked at the wounded body of the Saviour with eyes full of tears, full of love: the Most Holy Mother, Saint John, Saint Mary Magdalene. But the largest group of those who passed by the cross of Our Lord on that Good Friday were indifferent onlookers.

It was the day of preparation for the Passover. Near the gates of Jerusalem, we may suppose, hundreds, perhaps thousands of Jews passed by and looked at Our Lord nailed to the cross, shrugging their shoulders indifferently. They were not in the least interested in this suffering of the God-Man.

My dear ones, even after 2000 years we can say that today it is very similar. There is a group of people given directly to the devil, who do all they can to do away with Our Lord anew, to destroy His mystical body, the Church. Those who burn with a true Pharisaic, Jewish hatred of the Saviour. There is a small group of those who love Our Lord Jesus, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, for whom the cross is not a matter of indifference, who at the thought of the Passion of Our Lord will shed a tear, who desire to suffer together with Him. And finally there is that largest group: the indifferent. The greatest sin of today's so-called Catholics: indifference toward the Saviour. An indifference that becomes, my dear ones, co-responsibility for yet another deicide committed before our eyes. For whoever is indifferent before the cross in truth stands in the same rank as those who hate the cross. Whoever is indifferent toward Our Lord Jesus becomes, in his very essence, His enemy, because he disregards Him, because he permits Him to be insulted, spat upon, crucified anew.

INDIFFERENCE TOWARD BLASPHEMY

My dear ones, a wave of outrage has swept across all of Poland over the letter that was read last Sunday, before Palm Sunday, in the post-conciliar churches. A wave of rightful outrage: a scandalous letter, a blasphemous letter, a letter constituting an act of disgrace. But all those priests and faithful who expressed their outrage will obediently make their way today to the Novus churches and will hear there an equally blasphemous prayer, invoking the covenant that God made with Israel and calling on the Jews to grow in fidelity to that covenant. And today that will outrage no one. Catholics will shrug their shoulders indifferently.

All those smart alecks who say: "How good that it is in Polish, because now we understand everything." Well then, do you understand? Do you understand that you are taking part in blasphemy, in spitting in the face of Jesus Christ, that you differ in nothing from Ryś and other spiritual criminals?

Indifference, my dear ones, is nothing other than an act of dethroning Our Lord Jesus Christ. The indifference of today's Catholics is a guilt crying to heaven for vengeance, on a par with the guilt incurred by Ryś and the other Polish-speaking pseudo-bishops.

"Strike, Jesus, without delay, the rocks of our hard hearts," we sing in the *Gorzkie żale*. Strike, Jesus, for there is so much indifference in us when You are insulted, spat upon and scourged. Strike, Jesus, for there is so much indifference in us when Your teaching is falsified. Strike, Jesus, for Polish soil too has been flooded, and already several decades ago, with a wave of blasphemy crying to heaven for vengeance.

Dear faithful, today perhaps many a one will be moved at the thought of the Passion of Our Lord, but we know perfectly well that this very evening the streets of our Polish towns and villages, with their bars, pubs and clubs, will resemble those Jerusalem

streets of 2000 years ago, along which, amid the tumult of the Jews preparing for the Passover, the echo was carried: "Away with Him, crucify Him! Crucify Him!"

Strike, Jesus, without delay, us, before it is too late. Amen.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.