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## Once there was a People in the Grip of Darkness and Evil

“The early Mexican historian Ixtlilxochitl estimates that one out of every five children in Mexico was sacrificed. It is known that entire tribes, numbering in the tens of thousands, were on several occasions exterminated by sacrifice.” (p. 8)

In what is now Mexico City in the year 1487 (five years before Columbus discovered the Americas), there was human sacrifice around the clock for four days and four nights. A new victim was sacrificed to the Aztec gods every fifteen seconds. By the end, more than 80,000 men were killed. (p. 10)

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## But their Mother was coming to intercede for them.

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### 1531—*Our Lady appears to St. Juan Diego*

- By 1548, **9 million** had been Baptized.
- The word of the power of Christ had spread so much that villagers would rush out to meet missionaries when they first approached the village to beg to be Baptized.
- This people who had seen and been subjected to so much horror, recognized their salvation in Christ through the intercession of Our Blessed Mother.

See Warren H. Carroll, *Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Conquest of Darkness*, 107-110.

## She brings them to her Son.

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