

## August 13 1917 : The Fourth Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima



As I have already told what happened in this day, I will not delay over here, but pass on to the apparition which, in my opinion took place on the 15th in the afternoon. As at that time I did not yet know how to reckon the days of the month, it could be that I am mistaken. But I still have an idea that it took place on the very day that we arrived back from Vila Nova de Ourem. I was accompanied by Francisco and his brother John.

We were with the sheep in a place called Valinhos, when we felt something supernatural approaching and enveloping us. Suspecting that Our Lady was about to appear to us, and feeling sorry lest Jacinta might miss seeing her, we asked her brother to go and call her. As he was unwilling to go, I offered him two small coins, and off he ran. Meanwhile, Francisco and I saw the flash of light, which we called lightning, Jacinta arrived, and a moment later, we saw Our Lady on a holm oak tree.

"What do you want of me?"

"I want you to continue going to the Cova de Iria on the 13th of the month, and continue praying the Rosary every day. In October, I will perform a miracle so that all may believe."

"What do you want done with the money that the people leave in the Cova da Iria?"

"Have two litters made. One is to be carried by you and Jacinta and two other girls dressed in white; the other is to be carried by Francisco and three other boys. The money from the litters is for the "Festa" of Our Lady of the Rosary, and what is left over will help towards the construction of a chapel that is to be built here."

"I would like to ask you to cure some sick persons."

"Yes, I will cure some of them during the year."

Then looking very sad, Our Lady said:

"Pray, pray very much, and make sacrifices for sinners; for many go to hell, because there are none to sacrifice themselves and to pray for them."

And she began to ascend as usual towards the east.

*(Taken from "In Lucia's Own Words" Our Lady's words are in blue)*

