



# Daily Reflections

**May 29, 2017**

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## Scripture

### **John 16: 29-33**

The disciples said to Jesus,  
"Now you are talking plainly, and not in any figure of speech.  
Now we realize that you know everything  
and that you do not need to have anyone question you.  
Because of this we believe that you came from God."  
Jesus answered them, "Do you believe now?  
Behold, the hour is coming and has arrived  
when each of you will be scattered to his own home  
and you will leave me alone.  
But I am not alone, because the Father is with me.  
I have told you this so that you might have peace in me.  
In the world you will have trouble,  
but take courage, I have conquered the world."

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## Our Scripture Reflection

Today's Gospel text gives us some of the most comforting and assuring words in the entire Bible: "Take courage, I have conquered the world." What do these words mean for us? They mean that the power of evil was conquered

by the death and resurrection of Jesus once and for all. Yes, we must still deal with the effects of evil, but its power to rob us of eternal life was crushed when Jesus gave His life for us. What a victory!

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## **Food for your Journey**

In 1927, a man named Asibi, a West African native, was stricken with the deadly disease, yellow fever. Not many people survived this dreaded disease. However, Asibi lived. Somehow his body had conquered the disease. Asibi's blood contained the antibodies from which to begin to develop a successful vaccine.

Today, doctors and drug companies have developed an efficient vaccine against yellow fever, and their cure has saved the lives of untold numbers of people around the world. Each dose of vaccine can still be traced back to one original blood sample -- that of Asibi. Of him, it could justifiably be said that one man's blood saved the lives of millions.

It's easy to see how this relates to the death of Jesus on the cross. The blood of one man has saved countless others.

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## **A Prayer from the Heart**

Dear Jesus, May I live my life free from all fear and in close communion with You. Amen.