



# Daily Reflections

**July 17, 2017**

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## Scripture

**Matthew 10: 34- 11: 1**

Jesus said to his Apostles:

"Do not think that I have come to bring peace upon the earth.

I have come to bring not peace but the sword.

For I have come to set

a man against his father,

a daughter against her mother,

and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

and one's enemies will be those of his household.

"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me,

and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me;

and whoever does not take up his cross

and follow after me is not worthy of me.

Whoever finds his life will lose it,

and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

"Whoever receives you receives me,

and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.

Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet

will receive a prophet's reward,

and whoever receives a righteous man

because he is righteous

will receive a righteous man's reward.

And whoever gives only a cup of cold water

to one of these little ones to drink

because he is a disciple—  
amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."  
When Jesus finished giving these commands to his Twelve disciples,  
he went away from that place to teach and to preach in their towns.

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## **Our Scripture Reflection**

What in the world did Jesus mean by saying that He came to bring not peace, but the Sword??

The type of Peace that Jesus detested was a phony "don't rock the boat" kind of Peace. Jesus taught that TRUE Peace required radical change. To get there, things had to be shaken up. The scriptures tell us that His death brought Peace. All that was sinful, fake and phony, was revealed on Calvary and destroyed by the innocent Lamb. True Peace is grounded in the Truth.

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## **Food for your Journey**

There's an old story about the church that asked the bishop to move their preacher. When the bishop asked why, they said it was because he was always telling them they were going to hell. The bishop must have felt that was the message they needed to hear because the next preacher he sent them told them the same thing. After the first year, the bishop was amazed when the church asked for him to be reappointed for another year. He asked them what made the difference. The lay leader said: "Oh, this preacher tells us we're going to hell, too. But he doesn't seem to be so happy about it."

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## **A Prayer from the Heart**

Dear Jesus, Make me a channel of Your Peace. By the manner in which I live my life, may I reveal Your way to the world. Amen.