



Daily Reflections

July 26, 2017

Scripture

Matthew 13: 1-9

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea.

Such large crowds gathered around him

that he got into a boat and sat down,

and the whole crowd stood along the shore.

And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying:

"A sower went out to sow.

And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path,

and birds came and ate it up.

Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil.

It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep,

and when the sun rose it was scorched,

and it withered for lack of roots.

Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it.

But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit,

a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.

Whoever has ears ought to hear."

Our Scripture Reflection

In His powerful parable, Jesus called the people to be "good soil", that is, to receive His Holy Word with an open heart and to put it into practice as they live their lives. What an important message for us!

Food for your Journey

We need Jesus and his kingdom analogies to shock our sensibilities and get us going. Maybe we need a divine insult. On a secular economic level, Japanese efficiency and quality seem to be enabling American car manufacturers to shake off some of their malaise. What can do the same for the Church, for Christians? What kind of amazing and astonishing "kingdom-like" statement might move the church out of its ruts and back onto the journey towards the kingdom's incarnation?

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, Your Word is Truth and life. Help me to live Your Gospel each day despite the cost. Amen.