



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Luke 9: 51-56

When the days for Jesus to be taken up were fulfilled, he resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem, and he sent messengers ahead of him.

On the way they entered a Samaritan village to prepare for his reception there, but they would not welcome him

because the destination of his journey was Jerusalem.

When the disciples James and John saw this they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?"

Jesus turned and rebuked them, and they journeyed to another village.

Our Scripture Reflection

I find the opening verse of today's text most uplifting. Jesus begins His journey to Jerusalem by "setting His face" towards the city of His destiny. Once He is on the road, nothing whatsoever will deter him. That's how much He wanted to give His life for our salvation. How could we ever say "thank you" sufficiently for such an act of love.

Food for your Journey

Jesus Christ must suffer and be rejected. This "must" is inherent in the promise of God - the Scriptures must be fulfilled. There is a distinction here between suffering and rejection. Had he only suffered, Jesus might still have been applauded as the Messiah. All the sympathy and admiration of the world might have been focused on his passion. It could have been viewed as a tragedy with its own intrinsic value, dignity and honor. But in the passion, Jesus is a rejected Messiah. His rejection robs the passion of its halo of glory. It must be a passion without honor.

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*, trans. R.H. Fuller (Great Britain: SCM Press, Ltd., 1959), 76.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, You gave everything so that I might spend eternal life with You in Heaven. Help me, Lord, to show my gratitude by living the life You want me to live. Amen