



# Daily Reflections

**December 15, 2017**

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## Scripture

### **Matthew 11: 16-19**

Jesus said to the crowds:

"To what shall I compare this generation?

It is like children who sit in marketplaces and call to one another,

'We played the flute for you, but you did not dance,

we sang a dirge but you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they said,

'He is possessed by a demon.'

The Son of Man came eating and drinking and they said,

'Look, he is a glutton and a drunkard,

a friend of tax collectors and sinners.'

But wisdom is vindicated by her works."

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## Our Scripture Reflection

"Disrupter" is the word used for someone who goes against the status quo, the usual way of doing business or living life. Jesus was the ultimate disrupter because He did not speak nor live the way people expected the Messiah to speak and live. In today's Gospel text Jesus makes it clear to the spoiled and complacent crowds that He will carry out His ministry according to the Father's desires and not their faithless expectations. If they want to be a part of His Kingdom, then they had better become humble and open. What an important message for us as we "prepare the way for the Lord."

# **Food for your Journey**

If Jesus Christ had taken a poll, he would never have preached the Gospel.

--Representative Henry Hyde, "You can say that again," U.S. News & World Report, January 11, 1999, 18.

The generation that first heard Jesus did not give him a very high approval rating: They said, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!" (Matthew 11:19).

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## **A Prayer from the Heart**

Dear Jesus, Help me to be humble and open to Your desires for me. May I strive to live Your way faithfully and despite the cost. Amen.