



Daily Reflections

May 1, 2018

Scripture

John 14: 27-31

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

Not as the world gives do I give it to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

You heard me tell you,

'I am going away and I will come back to you.'

If you loved me,

you would rejoice that I am going to the Father;

for the Father is greater than I.

And now I have told you this before it happens,

so that when it happens you may believe.

I will no longer speak much with you,

for the ruler of the world is coming.

He has no power over me,

but the world must know that I love the Father

and that I do just as the Father has commanded me."

Our Scripture Reflection

What is this Peace that Jesus will leave to His disciples? In English, the word peace means an absence of violence or war. It's a lull in the action so to speak. This kind of peace is tentative in nature. However, the Hebrew word for peace, shalom, is much richer. Shalom implies wholeness, everything

being in its God-given proper order. To reach shalom change must take place: Wrongs must be righted and needs must be met. The boat must be rocked until the Truth is revealed, accepted and lived. For this Peace to occur, Jesus would have to lay down His life...and He did. In John 20, Jesus' first words to His terrified Apostles on Easter were, "Peace be with you" and He then showed them His hands and His side, the price paid for true Peace.

Food for your Journey

God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience but shouts in our pains. It is his megaphone to rouse a deaf world.

--C.S. Lewis.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, You are the Way, the Truth and the Life. Teach me Your Way and help me to live it so that I can experience true Peace, the Peace this world can never give. Amen