



Daily Reflections

May 5, 2018

Scripture

John 15: 18-21

Jesus said to his disciples:

"If the world hates you, realize that it hated me first.

If you belonged to the world, the world would love its own;

but because you do not belong to the world,

and I have chosen you out of the world,

the world hates you.

Remember the word I spoke to you,

'No slave is greater than his master.'

If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you.

If they kept my word, they will also keep yours.

And they will do all these things to you on account of my name,

because they do not know the one who sent me."

Our Scripture Reflection

One of the most difficult things we will ever be called to do is to love someone who will never love us in return. But that does not mean that we simply throw up our hands and say, "Just can't do it...why bother!" Why must we do this? Look at each of the Gospel accounts of the Passion of Our Lord and you will receive your answer. Jesus did it first. Begin by praying for that person. Spend time doing this first....lots of time. The Grace to imitate Jesus will come.

Food for your Journey

"Who is stronger: he who says, 'If you do not love me, I will hate you,' or he who says, 'If you hate me, I will still continue to love you?'"

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, Your words from the cross are both an example and command to me: "Father, forgive them." Please give me the Grace I need to forgive as You forgive and to love as You love. Amen