



Daily Reflections

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Matthew 10: 1-7

Jesus summoned his Twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to drive them out and to cure every disease and every illness.

The names of the Twelve Apostles are these:

first, Simon called Peter, and his brother Andrew;

James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John;

Philip and Bartholomew,

Thomas and Matthew the tax collector;

James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus;

Simon the Cananean, and Judas Iscariot

who betrayed Jesus.

Jesus sent out these Twelve after instructing them thus,

“Do not go into pagan territory or enter a Samaritan town.

Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

As you go, make this proclamation: ‘The Kingdom of heaven is at hand.’”

Our Scripture Reflection

Why did Jesus choose such a questionable group of men to be His Apostles? During His passion they became cowards, traitors and one sold Him for chump change. We must never forget that while He was fully human, Jesus was truly and fully God as well. He had the capacity to examine the heart of each of His followers. He could see what no man could see. We must never forget that even though all of them failed Him during His passion, all except

for Judas and John would go on to lay down their lives for Him. What a turn around!

Food for your Journey

If you have not chosen the kingdom of God first, it will, in the end, make no difference what you have chosen instead.

--William Law.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, Even though You know everything about me, especially my failures and shortcomings, You love me enough to call me to follow You as Your disciple. Thank You, Lord. Pour Your amazing Grace upon me and keep me strong and faithful as I carry out the work to which You have called me. Amen