



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Luke 6: 12-19

Jesus departed to the mountain to pray,
and he spent the night in prayer to God.

When day came, he called his disciples to himself,
and from them he chose Twelve, whom he also named Apostles:
Simon, whom he named Peter, and his brother Andrew,
James, John, Philip, Bartholomew,
Matthew, Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus,
Simon who was called a Zealot,
and Judas the son of James,
and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

And he came down with them and stood on a stretch of level ground.
A great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people
from all Judea and Jerusalem
and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon
came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases;
and even those who were tormented by unclean spirits were cured.
Everyone in the crowd sought to touch him
because power came forth from him and healed them all.

Our Scripture Reflection

The mountain top is the place where Jesus prays, especially before He makes a most important decision. There He was absorbed in prayer over night and afterwards calls the 12 Apostles to Himself. Prayer is the means by which Jesus stays closely in touch with the will of His Heavenly Father. There is a lesson here for each of us.

Food for your Journey

Two gentlemen were traveling on a plane and were seated next to each other. One turned to the other and asked, "What do you do?"

The gentleman replied: "I am a minister."

"Oh," said the first man. "I don't believe in this religious stuff. It's for kids, you know, 'Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so.'"

The minister politely laughed and asked the other man what he did for a living.

"I'm an astronomer," said the first man.

"Oh, that stuff," said the minister. "I thought it was just for kids, you know, Twinkle, twinkle little star ..." '

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, You are the perfect role model for the practice of prayer. You gave us Your most special prayer for our benefit. May I always appreciate the importance of prayer and use it regularly. Amen