



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Luke 9: 7-9

Herod the tetrarch heard about all that was happening, and he was greatly perplexed because some were saying, "John has been raised from the dead"; others were saying, "Elijah has appeared"; still others, "One of the ancient prophets has arisen." But Herod said, "John I beheaded. Who then is this about whom I hear such things?" And he kept trying to see him.

Our Scripture Reflection

Herod was a cruel, paranoid despot. He killed several of his family members because he thought they wanted to challenge his reign. Something inside him, however, was curious and even fascinated by Jesus. If only he could have humbled himself towards the Lord.

Food for your Journey

Mother Teresa: "People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centered; forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives; be kind anyway.

“If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies; succeed anyway.

“If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you; be honest and frank anyway. What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight; build anyway.

“If you find eternity and happiness, they may be jealous; be happy anyway.

“The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; do good anyway. Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough; give the world the best you’ve got anyway. You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God; It was never between you and them anyway.”

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, My ego becomes so large at times that I am quick to write off people who do not think as I do nor live as I live. It’s easy to do that, Lord. However, You have called me to pick up my cross. That means to carry out the difficult and unpleasant tasks of discipleship, especially loving my enemies. With the help of Your Grace, I will begin this important work by praying for the conversion of their hearts. May their hearts, and mine, be transformed. Amen