



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Luke 9: 18-21

Once when Jesus was praying in solitude,
and the disciples were with him,
he asked them, "Who do the crowds say that I am?"
They said in reply, "John the Baptist; others, Elijah;
still others, 'One of the ancient prophets has arisen.'"
Then he said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"
Peter said in reply, "The Christ of God."
He rebuked them and directed them not to tell this to anyone.
He said, "The Son of Man must suffer greatly
and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes,
and be killed and on the third day be raised."

Our Scripture Reflection

While the Apostles were quick to identify Jesus as the Messiah, "The Christ of God", it would take a lot of time before they would understand what that meant. In their thinking at the time, a Messiah was a powerful, victorious figure. And Jesus certainly was powerful and He would be victorious but not in the manner that they thought. No, Jesus' power and His victory would take place by virtue of a painful, humiliating death on the Cross.

Food for your Journey

The way to Christ is first through humility, second through humility and third through humility. If humility does not precede and accompany and follow every good work we do, if it is not before us to focus on, if it is not beside us to lean upon, if it is not behind us to fence us in, pride will wrench from our hand any good deed we do at the very moment we do it.

St. Augustine

A Prayer from the Heart

Heavenly Father, You said through Isaiah Your Prophet, "My ways are not your ways; My thoughts are not Your thoughts." (Isaiah 55: 8-9). I pray, Father, for humility and faith so that my mind and heart will be open to Your desires for me. Move me beyond my tendency towards self concern and help me to seek and live Your Way. Amen