



Daily Reflection

October 7, 2018

Scripture

Hebrews 2: 9-11

Brothers and sisters:

He "for a little while" was made "lower than the angels, " that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

For it was fitting that he,
for whom and through whom all things exist,
in bringing many children to glory,
should make the leader to their salvation perfect through suffering.

He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated
all have one origin.

Therefore, he is not ashamed to call them "brothers."

Our Scripture Reflection

The Christian Creed states, "He descended into hell..." Many well intentioned people have tried to explain away those profound words out of a false sense of piety and ended up lapsing into heresy. One of the first heresies within the Church was called Docetism. It's adherents believed that Jesus wasn't really human but only appeared to be. As God, how could He die on the Cross? He only appeared to do so. This heresy was soundly condemned in both 1 John and 1 Corinthians 15. As the author of Hebrews points out Jesus was obedient and tasted death so as to bring "many children to glory." He suffered death

and conquered it so that we could have the promise and hope of eternal life.
What a gift!

Food for your Journey

Catherine of Siena, the great 14th-century mystic, once experienced a terrible time of spiritual suffering in her soul. It was made all the worse by her fear that Jesus had abandoned her. Finally she cried out to him in prayer: "Where were you when my heart was so tormented?"

To which she heard him reply: "I was in your heart."

Dear Jesus, You gave everything for our eternal salvation. Make us, Your people, humble and grateful before You. May we live lives deserving of Your love. Amen