



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Luke 11: 29-32

While still more people gathered in the crowd, Jesus said to them, "This generation is an evil generation; it seeks a sign, but no sign will be given it, except the sign of Jonah.

Just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so will the Son of Man be to this generation.

At the judgment

the queen of the south will rise with the men of this generation and she will condemn them,

because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon,

and there is something greater than Solomon here.

At the judgment the men of Nineveh will arise with this generation and condemn it,

because at the preaching of Jonah they repented, and there is something greater than Jonah here."

Our Scripture Reflection

Jesus takes His people to task not because they are stupid, but rather, because they are hard-hearted. They were always looking for signs from God so that they might discern His Will for them. They were blind, however, to

the biggest, most vivid sign possible....Jesus Christ. He was sent by the Father to be a sign which called His people to repentance. Ironically, long ago God sent His reluctant Prophet Jonah to preach repentance to the pagan Ninevites and they responded fully and with immediacy. The Jewish people, unfortunately, will not respond to one of their own.

Food for your Journey

The word came

and he went

in the other

direction.

God said: Cry

tears of compassion

tears of repentance;

cry against

the reek

of unrighteousness;

cry for

the right turn

the contrite spirit.

And Jonah rose

and fled/in tearless

silence.

-- Poet Thomas John Carlisle

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, You come among us in the power of the Holy Spirit to call us to repent and turn our lives back to You. Make us humble and grateful for the sign that You are to us. Help us to be obedient to your call so that we may learn to live lives that are pleasing to You. Amen