



# Daily Reflections

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### Scripture

#### **Luke 10: 1-9**

The Lord Jesus appointed seventy-two disciples whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit.

He said to them,

"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.

Go on your way;

behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves.

Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way.

Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.'

If a peaceful person lives there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you.

Stay in the same house and eat and drink what is offered to you, for the laborer deserves payment.

Do not move about from one house to another.

Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them,

'The Kingdom of God is at hand for you.'

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## **Our Scripture Reflection**

"Behold, I am sending you as lambs among wolves...": as Jesus sends out His 72 disciples on mission He gives them this ominous warning because He knew that as He was rejected so they, too, would experience rejection. In our own day Jesus continues to be rejected in His disciples whether it be by the Islamists in the Middle East or various governments throughout the world such as those in China, Russia and the Arab nations. The mission must go forward, however, despite the cost.

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## **Food for your Journey**

Speaking of risk and probabilities: According to the BBC News (October 23, 2003), during filming in a remote area of Italy earlier this year for the controversial Mel Gibson film, "The Passion of the Christ," the actor who portrays Jesus was struck during a lightning storm. Also struck was assistant director Jan Michelini, who had been struck by lightning at a previous shoot for the film, in Matera, Italy. None of the strikes created a serious injury.

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## **A Prayer from the Heart**

Dear Jesus You told Your disciples that they must pick up their cross and follow in Your footsteps. You never said the road would be smooth or easy. You did promise to be with us during our trials. Help us, Lord, to be ever faithful to Your calling. Make us loving and courageous witnesses to You. Amen