



# Daily Reflections

**November 28, 2018**

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## Scripture

**Luke 21: 12-19**

Jesus said to the crowd:

"They will seize and persecute you,  
they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons,  
and they will have you led before kings and governors  
because of my name.

It will lead to your giving testimony.

Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand,  
for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking  
that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute.

You will even be handed over by parents,  
brothers, relatives, and friends,  
and they will put some of you to death.

You will be hated by all because of my name,  
but not a hair on your head will be destroyed.

By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

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## Our Scripture Reflection

All that Jesus prophesied about the destruction of Jerusalem and its Holy Temple happened after His death and resurrection. In 70 A.D. a massive Roman legion demolished the city and everything in it. The Christians were hunted down and slaughtered because they were considered enemies of the

Empire. In today's Gospel reading Jesus is not telling them how to save their mortal lives, but rather, how to save their immortal souls: Remain faithful, persevere. His teaching applies to us in our own day.

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## **Food for your Journey**

In ancient China, the people wanted security against the barbaric hordes to the north, so they built the Great Wall. It was so high they believed no one could climb over it and so thought nothing could break it down. They settled back to enjoy their security. During the first hundred years of the wall's existence, China was invaded three times. Not once did the barbaric hordes break down the wall or climb over it. Each time, they bribed a gatekeeper and then marched right through the gates. The Chinese were so busy relying on walls of stone they forgot to teach integrity to their children.

-Source unknown.

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## **A Prayer from the Heart**

Dear Jesus, My ancestors throughout history often endured unspeakable suffering because of their love for You. Most of them remained absolutely faithful and never wavered in their commitment to Your Gospel. Help me, Lord, to be strong and courageous in my witness to You despite the cost. May all come to know that I belong to You. Amen