



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

John 7: 40-53

Some in the crowd who heard these words of Jesus said,
"This is truly the Prophet."

Others said, "This is the Christ."

But others said, "The Christ will not come from Galilee, will he?
Does not Scripture say that the Christ will be of David's family
and come from Bethlehem, the village where David lived?"

So a division occurred in the crowd because of him.

Some of them even wanted to arrest him,
but no one laid hands on him.

So the guards went to the chief priests and Pharisees,
who asked them, "Why did you not bring him?"

The guards answered, "Never before has anyone spoken like this man."

So the Pharisees answered them, "Have you also been deceived?"

Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in him?

But this crowd, which does not know the law, is accursed."

Nicodemus, one of their members who had come to him earlier, said to them,
"Does our law condemn a man before it first hears him
and finds out what he is doing?"

They answered and said to him,

"You are not from Galilee also, are you?"

Look and see that no prophet arises from Galilee."

Then each went to his own house.

Our Scripture Reflection

Jesus was a cause for division among the Jewish people to be sure. Why? Because egos got in the way and people settled for opinion rather than to seek the truth. And so it is in our own day. Rather than seek the truth people hold so many different opinions and variations of opinions. As the result people are confused. If only they all could be humble before the One who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Food for your Journey

Why does God not intervene more directly today and save us (and him) from abuse and hurt? Philip Yancey has an answer: "Some Christians long for a world well-stocked with miracles and spectacular signs of God's presence. I hear wistful sermons on the parting of the Red Sea and the 10 plagues and the daily manna in the wilderness, as if the speakers yearn for God to unleash his power like that today. But the follow-the-dots journey of the Israelites should give us pause. Would a burst of miracles nourish faith? Not the kind of faith God seems interested in, evidently. The Israelites give ample proof that signs may only addict us to signs, not to God."

--Philip Yancey,

Disappointment With God

(Grand Rapids, Mich.:Zondervan, 1988), 48.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear God, Since the beginning of creation when our first parents wanted "to be like gods" to the present day, people in large numbers are confused and lost. Lord, the solution is an easy one: Humility. Help me to always be humble before You and to always seek Your wisdom and Your way in this life. Amen