



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

John 13: 16-20

When Jesus had washed the disciples' feet, he said to them:

"Amen, amen, I say to you, no slave is greater than his master nor any messenger greater than the one who sent him.

If you understand this, blessed are you if you do it.

I am not speaking of all of you.

I know those whom I have chosen.

But so that the Scripture might be fulfilled,

The one who ate my food has raised his heel against me.

From now on I am telling you before it happens,

so that when it happens you may believe that I AM.

Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send

receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."

Our Scripture Reflection

To the shock of His apostles, Jesus rose from the dinner table, got down on His knees and washed their dirty feet. Jewish Law forbade a Jewish slave from washing his master's feet! Yet Jesus, the Lord of all, made Himself lower than a slave. He then instructs us about the nature of true discipleship. To be a disciple, one must make oneself a servant of all, especially the least. Now that's "counter-cultural".

Food for your Journey

Johnny Cash was known as The Man in Black, because of his somber wardrobe. He is famous for his country tunes, but the truth is that he always wanted to be a gospel singer. Problem was, his producers wanted him to stay away from religion in his music. When he announced to a television audience, "I am a Christian," the network sent one of the producers to order Cash not to talk about religion on the air. A record producer told him that gospel profits "can't even cover the cost of the recording." He managed to record several gospel albums anyway, but according to Christianity Today (November 2003) he often had to push for them.

"My record company," he lamented, "would rather I'd be in prison than in church."

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear God, You said through the Prophet Isaiah, "My ways are not your ways, My thoughts are not your thoughts" (Is. 55: 8-9). Clear my head of secular thinking, Lord, and help me to seek and live Your holy way. Amen