



Daily Reflections

June 3, 2019

Scripture

John 16: 29-33

The disciples said to Jesus,
"Now you are talking plainly, and not in any figure of speech.
Now we realize that you know everything
and that you do not need to have anyone question you.
Because of this we believe that you came from God."
Jesus answered them, "Do you believe now?
Behold, the hour is coming and has arrived
when each of you will be scattered to his own home
and you will leave me alone.
But I am not alone, because the Father is with me.
I have told you this so that you might have peace in me.
In the world you will have trouble,
but take courage, I have conquered the world."

Our Scripture Reflection

I always find great comfort in Jesus' words, "Take courage, I have conquered the world." What does He mean? When Jesus went to Calvary, He went to destroy the power of sin and death, once and for all. Now, that does not mean that we are exempt from the effects of sin and evil in this life. However, the power of evil to rob us of eternal life was definitely crushed on Good Friday.

Sin and death no longer have the final word in the life of the person who has faith in Jesus.

Food for your Journey

Some followers of Jesus have done pretty well at the work of witnessing. Mother Teresa is a shining example. Not long after she started the Missionaries of Charity in Calcutta, India, she opened a medical clinic right next to a Hindu temple.

The Hindus objected. It was a sacrilege, they declared, to have an order of Christian sisters living next door to their temple. They insisted that their leader get rid of them.

He agreed. One day he went to pay a call on this Albanian nun and her sisters.

Mother Teresa received him warmly. She asked him to follow her on her rounds as she bathed and fed and nursed the dying.

"After visiting her clinic," the Hindu leader recalled, years later, "and watching her care for the poor, I went back to my congregation and said: 'When you will go to the clinic and do for the poor what Mother Teresa is doing, then I will get rid of her.'"

The clinic is still open, to this day. Mother Teresa was never one for standing around, looking up into the sky.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear God, You sent Your Son Jesus into this world with the mission of conquering the power of sin and death. On Calvary He did just that. Lord, help me to live my life with a confidence that comes from His great victory. Amen