



Daily Reflections

June 29, 2019

Scripture

Matthew 16: 13-19

When Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi he asked his disciples,

"Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Simon Peter said in reply,

"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah.

For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father.

And so I say to you, you are Peter,

and upon this rock I will build my Church,

and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven.

Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven;

and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Our Scripture Reflection

Peter had no idea at the time that he professed Jesus as the Christ what this would mean for him. To call Jesus, Christ, meant that Peter believed that He was the Savior, the Lord, and that he was willing to be His servant. But then

there was the part about "carrying the cross." Peter had no idea as to what that would entail, but he would soon find out. It would mean stripping away any delusions of grandeur and accepting the fact that discipleship costs....and it would cost him dearly. Are you truly aware of the cost associated with calling Jesus the Christ? Are you willing to pay the price for your profession of faith?

Food for your Journey

And I want to say something to the schoolchildren of America who were watching the live coverage of the shuttle's takeoff. I know it is hard to understand, but sometimes painful things like this happen. It's all part of the process of exploration and discovery. It's all part of taking a chance and expanding man's horizons. The future doesn't belong to the fainthearted; it belongs to the brave. The Challenger crew was pulling us into the future, and we'll continue to follow them.

--President Ronald Reagan, in a televised speech to the nation on January 28, 1986, the day the crew of the space shuttle Challenger were lost in a launch accident.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear God, I do believe and accept Your Son Jesus as my Lord and Christ. He is the Savior of the world! Give me the courage and faith to pick up my cross each day and walk in His footsteps. Amen