



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Luke 9:43-45

While they were all amazed at his every deed,
Jesus said to his disciples,
“Pay attention to what I am telling you.
The Son of Man is to be handed over to men.”
But they did not understand this saying;
its meaning was hidden from them
so that they should not understand it,
and they were afraid to ask him about this saying.

Our Scripture Reflection

Why did the disciples not understand what Jesus was trying to tell them about His suffering?
Because their minds were made up about Him.
Everyone knew the Messiah was to be a grand and glorious figure, the Savior. How could a
Savior possibly suffer? It just didn't fit into the game plan, THEIR game plan. It wasn't until after
Easter that they would finally “get it”. Once again, they needed, and we need to take into our
hearts the words of God to Isaiah the prophet: “My ways are not your ways; My thoughts are not
your thoughts.” (Isaiah 55:8-9)

Food for your Journey

Apropos of Isaiah 55:8-9 (“For my thoughts are not your thoughts ... For as the heavens are
higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways.”)

Juan Monroy, a Christian journalist in Madrid, Spain, was among those reporters selected by the Spanish government to interview the American astronaut James Irwin, who was on a European tour after his Apollo 15 mission to the moon. Monroy asked the astronaut, "What did you feel when you stepped out of that capsule and your feet touched the surface of the moon?" To Monroy's utter surprise, Irwin replied, "It was one of the most profoundly disillusioning moments of my life."

Monroy pressed the astronaut: "How could standing on the moon be so disappointing?"

Irwin explained, "All of my life I have been enchanted by the romance and the mystery of the moon. I sang love songs under the moon. I read poems by moonstruck poets. I embraced my lover in the moonlight. I looked up in wonder at the lunar sphere. But that day when I stepped from the capsule onto the lunar surface and reached down at my feet, I came up with nothing but two handfuls of gray dirt. I cannot describe the loss I felt as the romance and mystery were stripped away. There will be no more moon in my sky!"

Monroy observed further, "When we come to the place that we think we comprehend and can explain the Almighty, there will be no more God in our heavens."

—Lynn Anderson, "Moonlight and mystery," Heartlight Magazine, April 18, 2001, ©Heartlight, Inc. heartlight.org.

A Prayer from the Heart

Gracious Father, Great and mighty are Your ways. They are so profound that they constantly boggle my mind. And that's why You sent Your only Son to reveal Your mind and Your will. As I seek to grow closer to Jesus, make me humble and open to all He has to say. Amen