



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Mark 8:34—9:1

Jesus summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.

For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the Gospel will save it.

What profit is there for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?

What could one give in exchange for his life?

Whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this faithless and sinful generation,

the Son of Man will be ashamed of

when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

He also said to them,

"Amen, I say to you,
there are some standing here who will not taste death
until they see that the Kingdom of God has come in power."

Our Scripture Reflection

One of the great ironies about Christianity is that wherever it has existed throughout its history it has always been counter-cultural. True Christians have always lived in a manner that at times went against popular thinking. Such is the case in today's Gospel text. Jesus teaches that if a person wishes to be a disciple, they must DENY self. In a society where the self is the center of everything, this will sound strange. However, that's what Jesus expects of us IF we would dare follow Him.

Food for your Journey

Lord, do in me what you need to do so you can do through me what you desire to do.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, Please give me the Grace that I need to carry my cross this day and every day. Amen.