



# Daily Reflections

**January 20, 2017**

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## Scripture

### **Mark 3:13-19**

Jesus went up the mountain and summoned those whom he wanted and they came to him.

He appointed Twelve, whom he also named Apostles, that they might be with him

and he might send them forth to preach

and to have authority to drive out demons:

He appointed the Twelve:

Simon, whom he named Peter;

James, son of Zebedee,

and John the brother of James, whom he named Boanerges,

that is, sons of thunder;

Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew,

Matthew, Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus;

Thaddeus, Simon the Cananean,

and Judas Iscariot who betrayed him.

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## **Our Scripture Reflection**

So why did Jesus call the Apostles? Surely as the Son of God He didn't need help. Jesus chose them because, even in light of their weaknesses, He wanted them to have a share in His work. Think about it...Jesus loves you and appreciates you enough to give you a share in His work today. What an incredible privilege He has offered us.

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## **Food for your Journey**

There is a young priest in Willa Cather's *Death Comes to the Archbishop* (1927) who chides an older priest for going out in bad weather on an errand of mercy without his warm clothing. The young priest exclaimed, "You will catch your death of cold." Whereupon the older priest replied, "When I die it will not be of a cold, but it will be from having lived."

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## **Prayer from the Heart**

Dear Jesus, You have generously given me time and talents to be used for Your good work. Help me to be generous, Lord, in using these gifts to bring Your love to this troubled world. Amen.

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