



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Mark 1:7-11

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed:

"One mightier than I is coming after me.

I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals.

I have baptized you with water;

he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John.

On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him.

And a voice came from the heavens,

"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Our Scripture Reflection

What a familiar and powerful story...the Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist. The words of God the Father at the Baptism of His only Son are most

important for us. Because of Jesus, we have become God's sons and daughters. Now, we must strive to live as sons and daughters of God. We do this by imitating His Son, Jesus.

Food for your Journey

During his baptism of Ireland's King Aengus (in the middle of the fifth century), St. Patrick leaned on his sharp-pointed staff and inadvertently stabbed the king in the foot.

At the end of the ceremony, Patrick finally noticed a growing pool of blood on the floor and realized what he had done. He begged the king's forgiveness and asked why he hadn't said anything. "I thought," responded the king, "that it was part of the ritual."

Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, Help me to live my baptism promises with faith and courage. May I live Your way each day despite the cost. Amen.

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