



Daily Reflections

April 25, 2016

Scripture

Mark 16:15-20

Jesus appeared to the Eleven and said to them:
"Go into the whole world
and proclaim the Gospel to every creature.
Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved;
whoever does not believe will be condemned.
These signs will accompany those who believe:
in my name they will drive out demons,
they will speak new languages.
They will pick up serpents with their hands,
and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them.
They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."
Then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them,
was taken up into heaven
and took his seat at the right hand of God.
But they went forth and preached everywhere,

while the Lord worked with them
and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.

Our Scripture Reflection

Today's Gospel text contains the great commission that Jesus gives His disciples on Easter. They are to go out into the whole world to proclaim the Gospel to every creature. St. Francis while sending out some of his men to carry out Jesus' command cautioned them, "Don't go out a preach'in unless you are preach'in as you are walking!"

In other words, our actions and our words must communicate the Gospel of Jesus. Do they?

Food for your Journey

The stone at the tomb of Jesus was a pebble to the Rock of Ages inside.

--Fred Beck

Prayer from the Heart

Dear Lord Jesus, the fragrance of your love draws me toward you, like the perfume of the beloved attracts her lover. I shall follow you....I will not desert you when you walk to Calvary. I shall stay beside you and follow your body when it is taken to the tomb. Let my flesh be buried with you....I no longer wish to live for myself, but to rise with you into the fullness of your love.

--12th-century Aelred of Rievaulx
