

Daily Reflections

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The Divine Intervention

December 3, 2016

Scripture

Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5, 6-8

Jesus went around to all the towns and villages,
teaching in their synagogues,
proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom,
and curing every disease and illness.

At the sight of the crowds, his heart was moved with pity for them
because they were troubled and abandoned,
like sheep without a shepherd.

Then he said to his disciples,
"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few;
so ask the master of the harvest
to send out laborers for his harvest."

Then he summoned his Twelve disciples
and gave them authority over unclean spirits to drive them out
and to cure every disease and every illness.

Jesus sent out these Twelve after instructing them thus,
"Go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

As you go, make this proclamation: 'The Kingdom of heaven is at hand.'
Cure the sick, raise the dead,
cleanse lepers, drive out demons.

Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give."

Our Scripture Reflection

At this time of the year there is a lot of excitement: preparing for Christmas, children's laughter and singing, and visits with family and friends. In Jesus's day, there was tremendous excitement, excitement caused by His coming and walking among the people, healing, preaching, forgiving, loving. On this Advent day, please take the time to think about what really matters about Christmas. As the result, may you experience a new excitement about Our Lord Jesus and share it with others.

Food for your Journey

A man fell into a ditch.

A doctor walked by and the man yelled out to him. The doctor walked on by and flipped a prescription into the ditch.

A priest walked by and the man yelled again for help. The priest stood over the man and offered a prayer.

Sometime later a man walked by; seeing the man in the ditch and hearing his call for help, the man jumped into the ditch.

The man in the ditch said, "How are we going to get out now that you are down here, too?"

The man said, "I have been in this ditch before and I will lead you out."

Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, Thank You for coming into my life to rescue me and to show me Your way. Teach me to follow You by walking in Your footsteps. Amen.