



# Daily Reflections

**January 21, 2017**

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## Scripture

### **Mark 3:20-21**

Jesus came with his disciples into the house.  
Again the crowd gathered,  
making it impossible for them even to eat.  
When his relatives heard of this they set out to seize him,  
for they said, "He is out of his mind."

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## Our Scripture Reflection

Only Mark tells us in his Gospel that Jesus' relatives at one point actually thought He was, "out of His mind." Was He? Of course not! But the world had gone out of its mind! It was not the same wonderful place at times that God had created because of sin. And so it is today. Follow Jesus' way faithfully and be prepared for some to look at you as if you had two heads! It is so sad that loving unconditionally, showing mercy and giving can seem so "strange" to so many.

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## **Food for your Journey**

Drought threatened the crop in a village of Crete. The priest told his flock: "There isn't anything that will save us, except a special litany for rain. Go to your homes, fast during the week, trust in God, and come on Sunday for the litany of rain."

The villagers heard him, fasted during the week and went to the church on Sunday morning, but as soon as the priest saw them, he was furious. He said, "Go away, I will not do the litany. You do not trust in God."

"But Father," they protested, "we fasted and we trust."

"Trust?" he said. "Then where are your umbrellas?"

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## **Prayer from the Heart**

Dear Jesus, Please keep my mind and heart undivided when it comes to living Your way. In this world in which so much darkness exists, help me to courageously reflect Your Light. Amen.