



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Acts 11:19-26

Those who had been scattered by the persecution that arose because of Stephen went as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to no one but Jews.

There were some Cypriots and Cyrenians among them, however, who came to Antioch and began to speak to the Greeks as well, proclaiming the Lord Jesus.

The hand of the Lord was with them and a great number who believed turned to the Lord.

The news about them reached the ears of the Church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to go to Antioch.

When he arrived and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced and encouraged them all to remain faithful to the Lord in firmness of heart, for he was a good man, filled with the Holy Spirit and faith.

And a large number of people was added to the Lord.
Then he went to Tarsus to look for Saul,
and when he had found him he brought him to Antioch.
For a whole year they met with the Church
and taught a large number of people,
and it was in Antioch that the disciples
were first called Christians.

Our Scripture Reflection

"[A]nd it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called Christians." What prompted that ... being called Christian, that is? Do people call you Christian? Could it be that the disciples' behavior was so visibly Christ-like that people really identified them with their Master and Lord? What about you?

Food for your Journey

That is why the real problem of the Christian life comes where people do not usually look for it. It comes the very moment you wake up each morning. All your wishes and hopes for the day rush at you like wild animals. And the first job each morning consists simply in shoving them all back; in listening to that other voice, taking that other point of view, letting that other, larger, stronger, quieter life come flowing in.

--C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity* (Zondervan, 1952), 198.

Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, help me to grow so close to You that when people see me and how I live, they want to be close to You as well. Amen.
