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Daily Reflections



BASKING IN THE WARMTH OF JESUS' DEEDS

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Today's Gospel

While they were all amazed at his every deed, Jesus said to his disciples, "Pay attention to what I am telling you. The Son of Man is to be handed over to men." But they did not understand this saying; its meaning was hidden from them so that they should not understand it, and they were afraid to ask him about this saying.

LUKE 9:43b-45

Reflection

Today's short passage from Luke gives us a glimpse into the disciples' joy when the crowds, and they themselves, were in amazement at Jesus' deeds – the miracle of the loaves and fish, and his power to cure diseases. His every deed made them delighted in their Rabbi. Yet, at the same time, Jesus wanted them

to know that their beloved teacher would “*be handed over to men.*” Jesus was repeatedly telling the disciples that he would have to suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, but they could not take in his words. They could not fathom what Jesus meant, and they didn’t know how to ask him. Even later, when Jesus was more explicit about his pending passion and death (see Luke 18:31-34), the disciples still could not understand. “*It was quite obscure to them.*”



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For Pondering

How patient Jesus was with his chosen disciples. He wanted them to pay attention ... to let his words sink into their ears. But they had only come to a certain stage in their process of formation; it was only after his resurrection that they would have the gift of insight through the Holy Spirit, to understand the meaning of Jesus’ suffering, death and being raised on the third day – the mystery of the Cross.

Later, at the end of Luke’s Gospel in chapter 24, Jesus would explain to the two discouraged disciples on the road to Emmaus how the prophets had foretold that *the Messiah would have to suffer before entering his glory*. In today’s

gospel, the disciples were not ready to receive Jesus' words that he would suffer, die and be raised. We Christians, in our day, have the advantage of receiving the revelation given to us in the Gospel and the New Testament letters of Paul and the other Apostles. We have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit to help us receive the sacred story.

Let us be attentive to open the ears of our hearts to hear Jesus' words to us in our time, words that transform us into devoted followers of Jesus Christ in 2025.

May Jesus Christ, Word of God, set us all on fire with the Good News, as we proclaim it to the ends of the earth! Amen!

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