

Daily Reflections for Monday, March 12, 2018

Isaiah 65:17-21

God will create a new Heavens and a new Earth and the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.

Will this be some major cosmic event?

The movie The Passion of the Christ has a scene where Jesus meets his mother on the Via Dolorosa.

Jesus has been beaten, scourged, crowned with thorns and carrying a cross. Jesus and Mary come face to face, Mary reaches to touch the bloody, bruised face of her Son. Mary's heart is pierced with grief. As their eyes meet Jesus says to Mary, "See Mother I make all things new".

Are new heavens and earth already there waiting? Can the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ be our way to the new heavens and a new earth?

Through a Virgin a new birth, through Jesus' miracles a new power, through Jesus' suffering a new patience, In Jesus' resurrection a new hope, in Jesus' ascension a New Majesty.

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Daily Reflections for Tuesday, March 13, 2018

JOHN 1:5-16

A dominate aspect of John's Gospel is its disputive character. The dispute is, is Jesus the Christ, the Son of God? Merry Jewish leadership needs documentation to the fact. Jesus performs "signs". Jesus offers these signs as his proof. A sign is not the object, a sign points to the object. (ie a road sign is not where you are going. A road sign points you to where you want to go.) Jesus tells everyone his Father is doing these signs, these works, not Jesus. Look to my Father for life. Remember the Jewish leadership has to decide who Jesus is without the Grace of Easter.

The first 16 chapters focus on Jesus breaking the Sabbath. I think we are missing the rest of the story. Jesus sees a man crippled for 38 years. Jesus asked him if he wants to be healed. What did Jesus think the man would say? Jesus tells him to pick up his mat and walk. How politically incorrect. How insensitive can Jesus be? He just told a crippled guy to get up and walk. Here's the amazing part, as I see it. The cripple didn't say to Jesus, whom he didn't know from the man in the moon, Sir, I have been like this for 38 years; I don't think you saying I am

healed, will make it happen. Like the Blessed Mother, he believed, he said yes. He got up and walked and told people the man healed him and later identified Him as Jesus.

So let's get heavy. When have we not recognized Jesus? When have we failed to do what he has told us? When have we failed to recognize Jesus can change people?

Daily Reflection for Wednesday, March 14, 2018

Isaiah 49:8-15

Isaiah 15, Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the Child in her womb? EVEN if she should forget, I will never forget you.

Isaiah 16, See upon the palms of my hands I have written your name.

Forty Days of Life is going on now. Go to the abortion mill and pray. It is the saddest place. The angels there are weeping. The mothers, fathers and babies that go there need your support, your prayers, and your love.

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Daily Reflection for Thursday, March 15, 2018

John 5: 31-47

I believe in today's reading The Heart of Jesus is breaking, Jesus loves these people but the leadership just won't get his message. Jesus is offering them salvation in his words, showing God's love for them in his signs and works, and God's mercy and forgiveness for all. Jesus will not give up on the mission. He will see it thru all the way to the cross.

I know I find Jesus in some secular music sometimes and I find the absence of Jesus in some secular music. I only need to listen and look. The attached video of "It's Only Words" by The Bee Gees is one of those songs where I find Jesus. I can see Jesus hoping the words of this song will help the leadership to get it. Jesus tells them to put on their headphones and listen to "It's Only Words" on a YouTube video and they look at one another and ask what's YouTube? Jesus tells them they may want to skip the ad at the top of the video. It only leads to materialism.

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Check out this video on YouTube: http://youtu.be/fwil5tr_8Lo

Daily Reflection for Friday, March 16, 2018

Today in the book of Wisdom, I thought the writer was writing about Jesus. Like in verse 13, he professes to have knowledge of God and styles himself a child of God. In verse 14, he calls blest the destiny of the just and boasts that God is his father. In verse 20, he says, "Let us condemn him to a shameful death; for according to his own words, God will take care of him." And in today's psalm reading, I thought the writer was writing about Jesus. Verse 12, Come children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Then in verse 19, it says, "The Lord is close to the broken hearted, saves those whose spirit is crushed."

But as I read John's gospel, I thought the writer was writing about me. Now, I am not comparing myself to Jesus. My point is, Jesus said, "I am not going," but Jesus did go and was secretive about going. I have done the same thing. I said I was not going to do something but secretly I did it anyway. That's why I thought the writer was writing about me. Wish I could be more like Him, like Jesus.

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