



St. Wenceslaus (907-935) was a Bohemian King, who encountered many difficulties both in ruling his kingdom and in promoting the Christian faith. He was betrayed by his brother Boleslaus and was martyred in 935.

First Reading: (Zech 8:20-23) "Thus says the Lord of hosts: Peoples shall yet come, even the inhabitants of many cities; the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, 'Let us go at once to entreat the favour of the Lord, and to seek the Lord of hosts; I am going.' Many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem, and to entreat the favour of the Lord. Thus says the Lord of hosts: In those days ten men from the nations of every tongue shall take hold of the robe of a Jew, saying, 'Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.'"

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Gospel: (Lk 9:51-56) When the days drew near for Jesus to be received up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him; but the people would not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to bid fire come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. And they went on to another village.

REFLECTION

Convinced of the mission that has to be accomplished, Jesus moves towards the city of Jerusalem which symbolizes his death, resurrection and ascension. In the pursuit of accomplishing this mission Jesus is misunderstood, rejected and even killed. The thought of an earthly messiah, and desire for power and glory prevented the disciples from recognizing him. **Christians are called to walk on the same way, there is no chartered way but the way of the cross. What is my attitude, do I continue the mission of the Lord by choosing the narrow way?**