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†††JMJ††† **Humor for today** †††JMJ†††

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†††JMJ††† **Scriptural quiz** †††JMJ†††

Do you know the other name for Saint Bartholomew as found in Sacred Scripture?

†††JMJ††† **This is Serious** †††JMJ†††

After the ascension of Jesus into heaven, Saint Bartholomew preached the faith in India and Armenia. He was flayed alive and then beheaded in 71 A.D. Let us consider ourselves now as given the choice by Almighty God to die as a martyr. However, God arranged things that we have to be flayed alive! If that was a choice you had to make today, would you endure such pain when you cannot even put up with hot weather, or cold weather, or stepping on a thorn, or a cut on your body, or other slight mortifications? Let us pray every day for the grace to accept holy martyrdom, if it be God's holy will that we be called home to heaven by that means.

Let us meditate on these words from the *Imitation of Christ*. "To many this seemeth a hard saying: 'Deny thyself, take up thy cross, and follow Jesus.' But it will be much harder to hear that last word: 'Depart from Me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire.'"

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