

**Thoughts on the Daily Word**

28<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year. *Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October. St. Luke, Apostle. Readings: 2 Timothy 4:10-17; Psalm: 144; Luke 10:1-9.*

Luke is one of the most attractive apostles that we know from the early Church. Not one of the twelve but one of the most remarkable of the four evangelists. One of the attractive things is his ability to be personal. In today's reading Luke is portrayed by Paul as a faithful friend, someone who is there when needed. Luke's great story of Paul in the Acts, the second chapter of his work, beginning with his Gospel, presents Paul in a truly human way. Not simply a saintly person but a broad picture of all facets of his character. I like to read today's Gospel in the light of Luke and Paul journeying in faith to preach the Gospel to the gentiles. Essentially a story of friendship and faithfulness as they risked their lives to share the story of Jesus.