

July 7th 2024 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B Mark 6:1-6

⁶⁻¹He left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching.

<p>➤ Read and re-read – out loud and slowly the Gospel.</p> <p>➤ Meditate - on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life.</p>	<p>➤ Pray - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition.</p> <p>➤ Action – Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do).</p>
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This week's gospel reminds us of how personal prejudices and agendas can block us from hearing what another person has to say no matter how relevant or wise it is. We are called to recognise the face of Christ in everybody we meet but often we cannot see past their colour, creed, lack of job or family of origin. Our prejudice is blocking us from seeing the face of Christ just like the people of Nazareth.

How often has Jesus come to you in the form of someone you know very well, but you did not recognise Him?

Prayer:

Thank You Lord for the times we were able to focus on the content of what was being said by someone leaving aside our negative feeling's about them. As a result our faith was deepened and our mind was opened to new ideas.

Forgive us Lord for the times we did not recognise Jesus, who you sent to us in the form of someone we knew well but because this person was too ordinary for us we did not recognise Him

Lord help us to have the courage to speak of our faith among those close to us even though we may be rejected or criticised. Like Jesus let us bring peace to the few people who may be willing to listen with open hearts knowing that it will not be the right time for many