

## Lectio Divina

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| > <b>Read and re-read</b> , out loud and slowly the Gospel                      | > <b>Pray</b> - Thanksgiving - Repentance - Petition         |
| > <b>Meditate</b> on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life | > <b>Action</b> - Attitude (Call to change / to act / to do) |
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**July 8<sup>th</sup> 2018 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year B - Mark 6 : 1 - 6**

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:**

Lord we thank you for the times we were able to focus on the content of what was being said by someone leaving aside our negative feelings 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.

Help us Lord 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.

