



# Daily Reflections

**January 31, 2018**

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## Scripture

### **Mark 6: 1-6**

Jesus departed from there and came to his native place, accompanied by his disciples.

When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished.

They said, "Where did this man get all this?

What kind of wisdom has been given him?

What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!

Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary,

and the brother of James and Joseph and Judas and Simon?

And are not his sisters here with us?"

And they took offense at him.

Jesus said to them,

"A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house."

So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there,

apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them.

He was amazed at their lack of faith.

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## Our Scripture Reflection

"Familiarity breeds contempt", the old saying goes. In light of today's Gospel text, we see this saying is true. Of all the people who could have felt proud that their home town man did well, Jesus' neighbors had nothing but

contempt for Him. But they know Him, or so they think. They lack humility. Unfortunately, 2018 years later things have not changed all that much. There are many who don't seek Jesus because they think they have Him all figured out....but they don't. What will it take to change this attitude? Perhaps being brought to their knees is necessary. A man steeped in a rigid scientific and technological mindset and who experienced a potentially deadly illness said after recovering, "Healing came after admitting to Jesus 'You are God and I am not' ". May Jesus bring us all to humility.

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## **Food for your Journey**

When my children were quite young, God opened the door for me to be involved in a local YMCA group for moms and tots. As I began to interact in the lives of these women, God gave me an extreme and divine love for the lost within my community. At first, I was apprehensive about sharing my faith, but over time, through prayer and practice, the fear of rejection was replaced with confidence and feelings of inadequacy were silenced by great joy, as I saw the Spirit use my feeble efforts to plant seeds within lives.

—Marcia McCready-Pallant, "What's my story?" *Just Between Us*, Winter 2006, 13.

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## **A Prayer from the Heart**

Dear Jesus, My Lord and my God, Pour forth the Grace of humility on me so that I may grow in my faith and love for You. may I always remember that without You I am nothing. Amen