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Scripture

Matthew 13: 54-58
Jesus came to his native place and taught the people in their synagogue. They were astonished and said, "Where did this man get such wisdom and mighty deeds? Is he not the carpenter's son? Is not his mother named Mary and his brothers James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas? Are not his sisters all with us? Where did this man get all this?"
And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and in his own house."
And he did not work many mighty deeds there because of their lack of faith.

Our Scripture Reflection
Oh, they thought they knew Him! But actually, they knew so little about Jesus. In their arrogance they missed the fact that the Messiah and Lord was in standing their midst. Jesus promised to be with us even until the end of time. How so? In His Gospels, in His Sacraments, in our prayer...and in each other. May our minds, eyes and hearts always remain open to Him.

Food for your Journey
Nothing ... is more unjust than to judge a man by too short an acquaintance and too slight inspection; for it often happens, that in the loose, and thoughtless, and dissipated, there is a secret radical worth which may shoot out by proper cultivation; that the spark of Heaven, though dimmed and obstructed, is yet not extinguished, but may by the breath of counsel and exhortation be kindled into flame."
A Prayer from the Heart

Dear God, As St. Augustine once wrote, “You are closer to me than I am to myself.” Keep me open and responsive to Your loving Presence at all times. Amen